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OF THE

# SYNOD OF NEW YORK,

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THE  
SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A. D. 1885.

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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK met, agreeably to appointment, in the FIRST CHURCH in the city of TROY, on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, A. D. 1885, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. JOHN McCLELLAN HOLMES, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany, on Luke xix., 20, "And another came, saying, Lord, behold here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin."

After the sermon, the Synod was organized for business with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries :

*THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.*

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

*Ministers.*

David Lyon,  
James Gardner, D. D.,  
John McClellan Holmes, D. D.,  
Robert A. Davison,  
Oliver Hemstreet (2),  
James P. Bryant,  
Charles G. Matteson (2),  
John J. Henning.

*Ruling Elders.*

Archibald McClure.  
James B. Jermain (2).  
Darius S. Orton, M. D. (2).  
John C. Allen (2).  
James Calderwood.  
Henry S. Edwards.  
Amos Hochstrasser.

## II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

*Ministers.*

Sabin McKinney,  
George M. Janes,  
John L. Taylor.

*Ruling Elders.*

George F. Hand, M. D. (2)  
Abel Stowell.

## III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Charles C. Wallace, D. D.  
Joseph W. Sanderson.  
Donald B. MacLeod.

## IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

John D. Wells, D. D.,  
Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D.,  
Louis Eulner,  
J. Winthrop Hageman,  
Arcturus Z. Conrad,

Robert Henderson, Jr.  
Henry J. Redfield.  
J. Arthur Burr.  
Henry L. Butler.  
Daniel W. Fish.

## V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

T. Ralston Smith, D. D.,  
Henry Ward,  
Rufus S. Green, D. D.,  
John McLachlan,  
Herbert D. Cone,  
Charles D. Barrows,

Joseph T. Hoole.  
John Hamilton, Jr.  
George W. Tew.  
Joseph H. Plumb.  
Charles G. Brundige.  
James S. Fowler.

## VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Ezra A. Huntington, D. D., LL. D.,  
Asa S. Fiske,  
Clarence H. Beebe,  
Junius J. Cowles,

William J. Donovan.  
James Ross.  
Alexander M. Turner.  
Randolph R. Weed.

## VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

Chandler N. Thomas,  
Charles S. Richardson.

Hiram W. Cady.

## VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

*Ministers.*

Franklin S. Howe,  
Edwin Hall,  
William H. Tracy,  
Arthur W. Spooner.

*Ruling Elders.*

Prof. Moses S. Converse.  
Garwood J. Mead.  
Hezekiah Berry.

## IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

## X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

Edward Stratton,  
George C. Yeisley,

Schuyler B. Coe.  
Milford L. Bates, M. D. (2).

## XI. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

Samuel Bowden,  
Joseph E. Nassau, D. D.,  
Theron L. Waldo,

William Bradley.  
Donald McPherson.  
Ansel B. Smith.

## XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY.

John Burrows.  
Robert R. Watkins.

## XIII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

George C. Curtis, D. D.,  
J. Jermain Porter, D. D. (3),  
Hugh W. Torrence,  
J. Wilford Jacks,

Cheney P. Whitney.  
Hiram L. Brown.  
Isaiah W. Smith.  
James Mead (2).

## XIV. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Amasa S. Freeman, D. D.,  
Abraham S. Gardiner,  
Charles W. Cooper,  
John Turner,

Edmund Hyatt.  
Edward F. Pierson.  
George Buchenau.  
Abraham T. Blauvelt.

## XV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

*Ministers.*

William H. Littell,  
George R. Garretson.  
Joseph W. Earnshaw.

*Ruling Elders.*

Herman R. Halsey.

## XVI. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

Howard Cornell,  
John C. Lenhart.

Stephen D. Van Wickle.

## XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Alexander G. Russell,  
Charles B. Chapin,

Gugy S. Taylor.  
Nicholas Everett.

## XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

John M. Stevenson, D. D.,  
Charles S. Robinson, D. D.,  
Henry M. MacCracken, D. D.,  
George Alexander, D. D.,  
George S. Payson,  
James Chambers.  
Anson P. Atterbury.  
David G. Wylie.  
Henry G. Birchby.

Warner Van Norden.  
Herman Zincke.  
William C. Martin.  
William F. Lee.  
Frederick Blume.

## XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Cornelius S. Stowitts,  
Edgar P. Salmon,

Thomas T. Flagler.  
Henry Sears.

## XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

## XXI. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

Joseph K. Wight,  
George P. Noble,

Walter B. Crane.  
T. Melville Prentiss.

*Ministers.*

Frederick B. Savage, D. D.  
 Thomas A. Reeves.  
 Thomas C. Straus.  
 David B. McMurdy.

*Ruling Elders.*

## XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH.

## XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Pliny F. Sanborne,  
 David M. Rankin, D. D.,  
 Frank H. Coffran.

Ferdinand Shaw.  
 George N. Bissell.

## XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Henry Wickes,  
 Sybrant Nelson,  
 John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D.,  
 Newton J. Conklin,  
 J. Edward Close.  
 Evan R. Evans.

Louis Chapin.  
 Joseph Tozier.  
 Daniel C. McPherson.  
 Frank M. Ellery (2).

## XXV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,  
 George Harkness,  
 Daniel A. Ferguson,

De Alton Dwight.  
 James M. Thrall.  
 Roswell G. Pettibone.

## XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

## XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

John Waugh,  
 Minor Swick.  
 William H. Rice.

Francis A. Williams.

## XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

*Ministers.*

Alexander McA. Thorburn,  
Isaac Swift,  
S. Edwin Koons,  
Vernon N. Yergin.  
Charles Hudson Smith.

*Ruling Elders.*

George V. N. Relyea.  
Benjamin J. Dyer.  
Emerson H. Adams.

## XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

Charles P. Evans,  
Arthur H. Allen,  
David M. Hunter,  
William C. Brown.  
Charles Townsend.

James McFarland.  
William P. Bliss (2).  
Thomas U. Davidson.

## XXX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Nicholas W. Goertner, D. D.,  
Moses E. Dunham, D. D.,  
Arthur Potts,  
Hugh P. McAdam,  
Israel N. Terry,  
Granville R. Pike.

Timothy Parker.  
Edward North, L. H. D. (2).  
William M. Booth.  
James Stark.  
Simon G. Visscher.

## XXXI. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Wilson Phraner, D. D.,  
Addison D. Madeira, D. D.,  
Lawrence P. Cummings,  
Robert P. Gibson,  
Manfred P. Welcher (3),

Joseph Barrett.  
Stanton Cady.  
Enos Lee.  
Edward Crosby, M. D.  
James Biggerstaff.  
John Law.

The following delegates were absent and unrepresented by alternates:

*Presbytery of Albany:* Elder—Walter B. Goold.

*Binghamton:* Minister—John De Peu; Elders—Henry D. Corey, John Wilson.

*Boston:* Ministers—Valentine A. Lewis, Andrew Burrows; Elders—Robert Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson, John Sutherland, Frederick M. Victor, Henry R. French.

*Brooklyn* : Minister—William J. Gill; Elder—Thomas H. Wray.

*Champlain* : Elder—William C. Boyd.

*Chemung* : Elder—Thomas S. Day.

*Columbia* : Minister—William S. Long; Elder—Josiah B. Bascomb.

*Genesee Valley* : Elders—William F. Wheeler, Cornelius H. Bartlett, M. D.

*Hudson* : Ministers—James B. Fisher, Ferdinand Bernhardt; Elders—Robert Hickok, Alsop L. Corwin.

*Long Island* : Elders—Selah B. Strong, Dennis K. Halsey.

*Lyons* : Minister—L. Mason Clarke; Elders—Lewis H. Clark, John C. Howk.

*New York* : Minister—John Hall, D. D.; Elders—Walter Carter, John J. Donaldson, Moses W. Dodd, Frank A. Ferris, Robert Jaffray.

*Niagara* : Minister—Theodore B. Williams; Elder—Charles Wilcox.

*North River* : Elders—John L. Westervelt, Edmund P. Platt, Grant E. Edgar, Philip D. Cookingham.

*Otsego* : Minister—Horace H. Allen; Elders—Eleasar R. Fuller, Hon. Robert Beates.

*Rochester* : Ministers—Charles E. Robinson, D. D., Theodore W. Hopkins; Elders—George W. De Long, Miles B. McNair, Edwin S. Hayward, Daniel Bigelow.

*St. Lawrence* : Minister—John H. Gardner; Elder—James Taylor.

*Steuben* : Elders—George W. Farnham, Joseph A. Gray.

*Syracuse* : Elders—Schuyler Bradley, Martin W. Lyon.

*Troy* : Ministers—Charles D. Kellogg, Alexander B. Riggs; Elders—Peter Van Vechten, Frederick A. Johnson, James Smith, William H. Doughty.

*Utica* : Minister—Thomas R. G. Peck; Elders—Thomas Williams, Francis G. Wood.

*Westchester* : Ministers—Lyman D. Calkins, Harris R. Schenck; Elder—Edwin Bouton.

The Rev. L. MERRILL MILLER, D. D., of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, was elected Moderator.

The Rev. RUFUS S. GREEN, D. D., of the Presbytery of Buffalo, and the Rev. ALEXANDER G. RUSSELL, of the Presbytery of Nassau, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements, through its acting Chairman, the Rev. NINIAN B. REMICK, presented the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the morning sessions begin at nine o'clock, and close at twelve, the first half hour to be spent in devotional services, in accordance with the Second Standing Rule;

That the afternoon sessions begin at two o'clock, and close at half-past five;

That the evening sessions begin at half-past seven o'clock, and continue during the pleasure of the Synod.

On account of the distance at which many of the delegates are lodged, and in order to conform to the arrangements of families, it is requested that there be no encroachments upon the hours of recess.

2. That on Wednesday afternoon a recess be taken from a quarter-past four o'clock until half-past four, immediately after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered under the direction of the Moderator.

3. That a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held on Wednesday evening, and a similar meeting for Home Missions and Missions for Freedmen on Thursday evening; also, that the Board of Education be assigned the hour of three, and the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies the hour of half-past three on Thursday afternoon.

In welcoming the Synod, the Committee of Arrangements, in behalf of the First Church of Troy, presented, for the use of the Moderator, a gavel and block, which were accepted with the thanks of the Synod.

An invitation from Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burden, to a social reception and luncheon at Woodside Homestead on Thursday, at one o'clock, was presented, and accepted with cordial thanks.

Adjourned until to-morrow at nine o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

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WEDNESDAY, October 21, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and spent the first half hour in devotional services.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present:

*Presbytery of Albany:* Ministers—Oliver Hemstreet, Charles G. Matteson; Elders—James B. Jermain, Darius S. Orton, M. D., John C. Allen.

*Binghamton:* Elder—George F. Hand, M. D.

*Columbia:* Elder—Milford L. Bates, M. D.

*Geneva:* Elder—James Mead.

*Rochester:* Elder—Frank M. Ellery.

*Troy:* Elder—William P. Bliss.

*Utica:* Elder—Edward North, L. H. D.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Printed copies of the Minutes of 1884, and of the Docket of Business, were distributed.



It was made the first order of the day for Thursday morning to hear the report of the Committee on Plans for Sustentation, and the second order to hear the report of the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College.

The Moderator announced the following

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

### 1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

*Ministers*—John McClellan Holmes, D. D., Wilson Phraner, D. D., George C. Curtis, D. D., John D. Wells, D. D., George Harkness, Henry M. MacCracken, D. D.

*Elders*—Joseph H. Plumb, Roswell G. Pettibone, James McFarland, Isaiah W. Smith, Edward F. Pierson.

### 2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS:

*Ministers*—Joseph E. Nassau, D. D., George Alexander, D. D., Charles C. Wallace, D. D., George C. Yeisley, Addison D. Madeira, D. D., John McLachlan, Minor Swick.

*Elders*—Archibald McClure, James S. Fowler, Moses S. Converse, Thomas U. Davidson, Thomas T. Flagler, Edward North, L. H. D.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

*Ministers*—James Gardner, D. D., Hugh W. Torrence, Cornelius S. Stowitts.

*Elders*—Francis A. Williams, De Alton Dwight.

### 4. FINANCE:

*Elders*—George W. Tew, Warner Van Norden, Hiram L. Brown, William J. Donovan, Donald McPherson.

### 5. SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK:

*Ministers*—Charles S. Robinson, D. D., John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D., Amasa S. Freeman, D. D., Alexander McA. Thorburn, William H. Littell, Arthur H. Allen.

*Elders*—Louis Chapin, Timothy Parker, Hiram W. Cady, Stephen D. Van Wickle, Herman R. Halsey.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

*Ministers*—Joseph W. Earnshaw, Newton J. Conklin, Theron L. Waldo.

*Elders*—Gugy S. Taylor, James M. Thrall.

7. NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES:

*Ministers*—Charles S. Richardson, Howard Cornell, John M. Stevenson, D. D., David M. Rankin, D. D.

*Elders*—Stanton Cady, Henry L. Butler, Charles G. Brundige.

8. NOMINATION OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:

*Ministers*—Frederick B. Savage, D. D., Pliny F. Sanborne, J. Edward Close, Lawrence P. Cummings.

*Elders*—John Hamilton, Jr., Garwood J. Mead, Alexander M. Turner.

9. NOMINATION OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:

*Ministers*—Asa S. Fiske, Franklin S. Howe, Edward Stratton, John Burrows.

*Elders*—Abraham T. Blauvelt, Cheney P. Whitney, Robert Henderson, Jr.

10. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINERS OF ELMIRA COLLEGE:

*Ministers*—Ezra A. Huntington, D. D., Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., Sabin McKinney, Edwin Hall.

*Elders*—Daniel C. McPherson, William Bradley, Abel Stowell.

The Moderator also announced the following

## COMMITTEES ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES :

1. ALBANY: . . . *Ministers*—Henry Ward, Clarence H. Beebe;  
*Elder*—Hezekiah Berry.
2. BINGHAMTON: . . . *Ministers*—Chandler N. Thomas, Samuel  
Bowden; *Elder*—Joseph T. Hoole.
3. BOSTON: . . . *Ministers*—David Lyon, Arthur W. Spooner;  
*Elder*—Edward Crosby, M. D.
4. BROOKLYN: . . . *Ministers*—Charles W. Cooper, George R.  
Garretson; *Elder*—Nicholas Everett.
5. BUFFALO: . . . *Ministers*—George S. Payson, Thomas C.  
Straus; *Elder*—Joseph Barrett.
6. CAYUGA: . . . *Ministers*—Thomas A. Reeves, Sybrant Nel-  
son; *Elder*—James Calderwood.
7. CHAMPLAIN: . . . *Ministers*—Israel N. Terry, John C. Lenhart;  
*Elder*—Enos Lee.
8. CHEMUNG: . . . *Ministers*—Joseph W. Sanderson, Granville  
R. Pike; *Elder*—Robert Henderson, Jr.
9. CHILE: . . . *Ministers*—Isaac Swift, Robert P. Gibson;  
*Elder*—Schuyler B. Coe.
10. COLUMBIA: . . . *Ministers*—Herbert D. Cone, Charles B.  
Chapin; *Elder*—Henry Sears.
11. GENESEE: . . . *Ministers*—Anson P. Atterbury, Edgar P.  
Salmon; *Elder*—Walter B. Crane.
12. GENESEE VALLEY: *Ministers*—Daniel A. Ferguson, Minor Swick;  
*Elder*—Benjamin J. Dyer.
13. GENEVA: . . . *Ministers*—Rufus S. Green, D. D., Hugh P.  
McAdam; *Elder*—Emerson H. Adams.
14. HUDSON: . . . *Ministers*—Alexander G. Russell, David G.  
Wylie; *Elder*—T. Melville Prentiss.

15. LONG ISLAND: . . *Ministers*—James Chambers, George P. Noble; *Elder*—Ferdinand Shaw.
16. LYONS: . . . *Ministers*—Frank H. Coffran, Evan R. Evans; *Elder*—George V. N. Relyea.
17. NASSAU: . . . *Ministers*—Henry G. Birchby, William H. Rice; *Elder*—George N. Bissell.
18. NEW YORK: . . . *Ministers*—Moses E. Dunham, D. D., Robert P. Gibson; *Elder*—Edmund Hyatt.
19. NIAGARA: . . . *Ministers*—James P. Bryant, George M. Janes; *Elder*—J. Arthur Burr.
20. NORTH LAOS: . . *Ministers*—John L. Taylor, Robert R. Watkins; *Elder*—Hiram W. Cady.
21. NORTH RIVER: . . *Ministers*—Arthur Potts, John J. Henning; *Elder*—William M. Booth.
22. OROOMIAH: . . . *Ministers*—Ezra A. Huntington, D. D., Geo. C. Yeisley; *Elder*—James S. Fowler.
23. OTSEGO: . . . *Ministers*—Robert A. Davison, John L. Taylor; *Elder*—Daniel W. Fish.
24. ROCHESTER: . . . *Ministers*—John Turner, Junius J. Cowles; *Elder*—Herman Zincke.
25. ST. LAWRENCE: . . *Ministers*—Abraham S. Gardiner, Vernon N. Yergin; *Elder*—William C. Martin.
26. SIAM: . . . . *Ministers*—Joseph K. Wight, William C. Brown; *Elder*—Amos Hochstrasser.
27. STEUBEN: . . . *Ministers*—Henry Wickes, Louis Eulner; *Elder*—James Biggerstaff.
28. SYRACUSE: . . . *Ministers*—Charles Townsend, Arcturus Z. Conrad; *Elder*—William F. Lee.
29. TROY: . . . . *Ministers*—Nicholas W. Goertner, D. D.; William H. Tracy; *Elder*—John Law.

30. UTICA: . . . *Ministers*—Isaac Swift, Donald B. MacLeod;  
*Elder*—Frederick Blume.
31. WESTCHESTER: . *Ministers*—John Waugh, J. Winthrop Hageman; *Elder*—Joseph Tozier.

It was

*Resolved*, That a committee of nine be appointed to consider the relations of the Synod of New York to the cause of Academic and Collegiate Education in this state, and to report during the present sessions.

The committee was designated as follows: *Ministers*—James Gardner, D. D., George C. Curtis, D. D., Moses E. Dunham, D. D., Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Tryon Edwards, D. D.; *Elders*—De Alton Dwight, Moses Sumner Converse, Roswell G. Pettibone.

Communications were presented and read, as follows: From the Burden Iron Company, the Troy Steel and Iron Company, and Messrs. George B. Cluett, Bro. & Co., inviting the members of the Synod to visit their respective works and factories; also, from the Trustees of the Troy Young Men's Association, offering the privileges of its library and reading rooms to the members of the Synod during their stay in the city.

The invitations were accepted with thanks.

The Records of the Presbyteries were presented on the calling of the roll.

Overtures, memorials, appeals and complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk for reference to the appropriate committees.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

1. That the Moderator be assisted at the communion by Ruling Elders Edward North, Roswell G. Pettibone, James S. Fowler, Warner Van Norden, Archibald McClure and Joseph T. Hoole;

2. That at the foreign missionary meeting this evening the Moderator preside, and addresses be made by the Rev. Messrs. Isaac H. Polhemus, Andrew P. Happer, D. D., and Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D.

It was made the third order of business for Thursday afternoon to receive the reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries.

The Treasurer's Report was presented, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was directed to be sent to the General Association of Congregational Churches of New York, in session at Pulaski:

"*Greeting*—Read 1 Thessalonians, iii., 12."

It was

*Resolved*, That the Synod directs the careful attention of the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries to the importance of giving, invariably, the Christian names in full of all persons, and especially ministers and elders, mentioned in their records and documents; and refers to its own action on the Records of the Presbytery of Utica, in 1884 (see Minutes, p. 26), and also to the requirements of the General Assembly, as recorded in the Minutes of 1885, pp. 834 and 836.

A paper on the subject of Education was presented, and referred to the Special Committee on the Relations of the Synod to Academic and Collegiate Education in this State.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

This school of the prophets is beautifully located in a very desirable part of the City of Auburn. The buildings are finely situated on an elevated site overlooking the city and affording an extended view of the surrounding country. An enclosure of about eight acres contains a group of buildings adapted to the uses of the institution, the oldest of which is "Willard Hall," and near by the new and commodious "Morgan Hall," and the elegant Library, given by Messrs Dodge and Morgan; while the residences of the Professors are adjoining. Most of these edifices are of recent structure, and are admirably arranged, and well equipped with requisite conveniences; in fact, are all that could be desired for the purposes to which they are devoted.

The staff of Professors is full, and during the year past good work has been done in their respective departments. We regret to report that Prof. Upson has been laid aside for several months by severe illness, from which he is but slowly recovering. The new Professor, Rev. James S. Riggs, has entered zealously upon the duties of his department, which, your committee is gratified to find, is not a division of one previously existing, but an essential and valuable addition. He has occupied his first year of service largely with laying good foundations, and in this has fairly won the confidence and esteem of his colleagues and his classes.

The total number of students is forty-four, sixteen in each of the higher classes, and twelve in the junior class. An increase in the near future is confidently anticipated. These young men appear studious and conscientious in preparing for their high calling; and some of them are of conspicuous promise. The instruction imparted is scriptural and efficient. We invite the attention of the students to the importance of an accurate familiarity with the text of the Holy Scriptures. And we beg to suggest to the fathers and brethren who compose the Faculty and the Board of Commissioners, and who are entrusted with the direction of the institution, to press continually towards nobler ideals, and in the future to consider what measures may be required to promote in the students increased diligence and application, and an undi-

vided devotion to their preparatory work, as well as a just reliance upon their own resources in prosecuting their studies; and in general so to elevate the standard of excellence both in the course of study and in the training, as to put this Theological School, in all respects, upon a plane with the very best.

The history of this Seminary, running back for sixty-five years, is adorned with many names eminent among scholars, and honored in the ministry, and upon many a mission field. The prevailing spirit and teaching have been and are earnestly evangelical, so that we commend the institution to the continued favor of the Christian public, and especially to Presbyterians, as one worthy of the sympathy and support of such a constituency.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Work of the Church reported a Pastoral Letter, as required by the Tenth Standing Rule. It was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes, and to be read by the ministers of the Synod to their respective congregations.

The Rev. Edward A. Collier, D. D., of the Reformed Particular Synod of Albany, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding member.

The Rev. Ferdinand Bernhardt, of the Presbytery of Hudson, the Rev. Horace H. Allen, of the Presbytery of Otsego, and Elder Thomas Williams, of the Presbytery of Utica, delegates elect, communicated reasons for their absence, which were sustained.

A resolution concerning the so-called Freedom of Worship Bill presented to the New York State Legislature was offered, and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. John M. Stevenson, D. D., Abraham S. Gardiner and George S. Payson.

A resolution was presented relating to the publication, sale and reading of Sunday newspapers.

Pending its consideration, a recess was taken until two o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

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WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the pending resolution was adopted, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Synod urges upon its churches the condemnation of the publishing, selling, purchasing or reading of Sunday newspapers, in conformity with the action of the General Assembly of 1885, which is as follows: "We cannot withhold the most emphatic condemnation of the publication, sale and reading of Sunday newspapers, filled as they are with most unprofitable matter, and now exerting so widespread and injurious an influence."

The following response was received to the fraternal message sent by the Synod this morning:

The General Association of Congregational Churches of New York, in session at Pulaski, send to the Synod of New York their Christian and fraternal salutations, and wish them grace, mercy and peace in all their work for our common Lord and Master.

JOHN E. BRADLEY, *Moderator*.

The following minute was adopted:

WHEREAS: There is an increasing tendency on the part of many of the railway and steamboat corporations of the State of New York to run special excursion trains and boats on the Lord's Day, tending to make the sacred day a holiday, especially in the larger cities and their suburbs; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Synod cannot refrain from expressing its regret at the growth of this evil, and earnestly requests all who are friendly to the sanctity of the Lord's Day to use their influence in discountenancing this desecration, especially calling upon the Christian officers, directors and stockholders in railway and steamboat companies to refuse all requests and demands for the running of excursions on the Day of Rest.

The committee appointed last year to consider Plans for Evangelistic Work, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The instructions under which this committee has acted, are expressed in the resolution adopted by the Synod at its meeting last year, and recorded on page 22 of the printed Minutes.

Your committee reports that the result of its investigations has been to impress it most deeply with the urgent need for more active and aggressive effort to supply the spiritual destitution which exists within the bounds of the Synod.

In many country districts, especially around the verge of the northern wilderness churches cannot be maintained by reason of the sparseness of the population; and the inhabitants are left almost entirely destitute of the means of grace. In our smaller manufacturing towns and cities, where men of similar occupations but diverse nationality are brought together in large numbers, the prevalent habits of thought and life are making the laboring classes less accessible to Christian influence, and seem to call for some change in the spirit or the appliances of the churches, if these classes are to be saved from infidelity and moral decay.

In our great cities not only are multitudes unreached by the churches, but in some cases populous sections have been left without any places of worship or any adequate means of religious instruction. It is a suggestive fact that the headquarters of both our Foreign and Home missionary operations are located near the center of a population of more than 80,000 souls, half of them native-born Americans, among whom there is not a single church, chapel or mission of the Presbyterian order. No amount



of zeal in propagating the faith in parts remote can atone for such neglect. The facts seem to call for the humbling confession that our own vineyard we have not kept.

The question how the duty of the Synod to the unevangelized should be discharged, is, therefore, a complex one and admits of no easy solution. Where the conditions vary so widely, no single plan can meet the necessities of the case.

Your committee is convinced that in many thinly settled parts of the state, any attempt to supply the spiritual wants of the people by means of pastors and stated supplies will necessarily prove fruitless. In such communities, it should be the aim, by means of itinerant evangelists, colporteurs, or other lay workers, to hold occasional preaching services, to establish and maintain Sabbath-schools or prayer-meetings, and to inculcate and encourage family religion.

Where it is possible, in work of this sort, to cooperate with Christians of other denominations, it should be our aim to show that our zeal for the cause of the Master and for the salvation of souls exceeds our zeal for denominational advantage. This work, when outside the bounds of existing congregations, naturally devolves upon the Presbytery; and the Presbytery should, as far as possible, provide the men and means for its prosecution. Your committee, therefore, suggests that the Synod adopt the following:

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Presbyteries of the Synod to search out the waste places within their borders, to avail themselves of such information as may be obtained for them by the Synodical Superintendent, and to devise such measures for carrying the gospel to these outlying districts, as may be best suited to the particular circumstances of each case, whether by the employment of evangelists and colporteurs or by other forms of lay effort.

The neglected regions of our large cities lie within the bounds of those Presbyteries which are most able to supply the means necessary to provide places of worship and equip them with laborers. Such Presbyteries should be stirred by the thought of the multitudes perishing at their doors for want of the bread of life, and endeavor to call out the consecrated gifts and labors which are required to roll away the reproach now resting upon our church.

In evangelizing the multitudes within easy reach of existing churches, it appears to your committee that the great necessity is the quickening of the spiritual life and missionary zeal of the ministry and church members. This urgent necessity has been recognized by the Presbytery of New York, as well as by the Episcopal Church in certain parts of the State. Earnest and well-considered efforts are about to be put forth to secure this end by the cooperation and mutual support of pastors, and by special meetings designed to awaken the impenitent and arouse believers to new diligence and devotion. These plans, which are published and accessible to all, are commended to thoughtful consideration.

Your committee can suggest no mode of work applicable to all cases, but proposes for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Presbyteries, and, where presbyterial action is impracticable, to individual churches or groups of churches, to institute during the coming winter some special measures for awakening Christians to a sense of responsibility for the ungodly about them, and for calling out the spirit of prayer and labor, and leading the unsaved to repentance and faith in Christ.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College presented its annual report, which was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The special committee appointed to consider the relations of the Synod to the cause of Academic and Collegiate Education presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. For the interests of sound Christian education, it is in the highest degree important that the Synod of New York be, as far as possible, connected by oversight and correspondence with the colleges and academies within its bounds that are desirous of placing themselves in such connection.
2. That the connection thus desired shall, as far as possible, be such as now exists between our theological seminaries and the General Assembly—the Synod annually appointing visitors to such institutions, and receiving reports from them, and suggesting such points as may lead to their advance and improvement.
3. The Synod suggests to the Trustees and Managers of all such institutions, that they exercise special care to see that the course of instruction pursued in them be in full accordance with evangelical Christian views, and also with our own denominational views of church order and doctrine.
4. That this committee be continued during the sessions of the Synod, that it may nominate Visitors to any institutions that may ask their appointment.

The special committee to which was referred the resolution concerning the Freedom of Worship Bill, reported the following minute, which was adopted:

Inasmuch as adherents of the Church of Rome, known as the Catholic Union, have for years past repeatedly and persistently urged, in the legislature of this State, the enactment of a bill under the specious and misleading title, "Freedom of Worship," which, if made law, would open the way to all forms of divisive and proselyting measures, to the imperiling of civil and religious freedom;

*Resolved*, That the Synod earnestly appeals to our people to resist and oppose, by all right and feasible means, encroachments upon the spirit and administration of our free institutions by an organization which has ever refused to others that freedom of worship which it demands for itself.

A resolution concerning Religion and Public Education was presented, and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. George S. Payson, Charles S. Richardson and Daniel A. Ferguson, and Elders Roswell G. Pettibone and Warner Van Norden.

On the recommendation of the committee appointed to nominate Trustees and Examiners for Elmira College, the following persons were elected:

*Trustees*—Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D., Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., John T. Rathbun, John I. Nicks, Newton P. Fassett, and Seymour Dexter, to serve for three years; and to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Rev. Benjamin M. Goldsmith, D. D., Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson, to serve for one year.

*Examiners*—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. John S. Bacon, and Rev. Frederick B. Savage, D. D., to serve for three years.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee has examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and compared them with the accompanying vouchers, and it finds the same correct. The amount in the treasury, applicable to the expenses of the current year, is \$937.42.

It recommends the repayment to the Presbytery of Nassau of twelve dollars and thirty-six cents, being the amount overpaid by that Presbytery in 1883.

It also recommends that the rate of apportionment for the coming year be one-half cent for each communicant.

A recess was taken for fifteen minutes.

After the recess, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, in accordance with the previous arrangement.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

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WEDNESDAY, October 21, 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

After the recess, pursuant to appointment, devotional services were held, and addresses on the subject of Foreign Missions were made, the Rev. John D. Wells, D. D., taking the place of the Rev. Andrew P. Happer, D. D.

Adjourned until to-morrow at nine o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

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THURSDAY, October 22, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and spent the first half hour in devotional services.

The roll was called, and the following additional delegates were reported as being present:

*Presbytery of Geneva:* Minister—J. Jermain Porter, D. D.

*Westchester:* Minister—Manfred P. Welcher.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Rev. Messrs. Henry Kendall, D. D., Richard H. Allen, D. D., Daniel W. Poor, D. D., and William C. Cattell, D. D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding members.

The Committee of Arrangements presented the following recommendations, which were adopted:

That the Rev. Martin Luther Berger, representing the McAll Mission in France, be heard for fifteen minutes at the first unoccupied hour to-day;

That at the meeting for Home Missions, on Thursday evening, the Moderator preside, and addresses be delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Addison D. Madeira, D. D., Henry A. Newell, Henry Kendall, D. D., of the Board of Home Missions, and Richard H. Allen, D. D., of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

The committee appointed last year to prepare a Plan of Sustentation for the feeble churches within the bounds of the Synod, presented a report, which was accepted.

Pending its consideration, a recess was taken until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

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THURSDAY, October 22, 2.30 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer.

The unfinished business was resumed, and it was

*Resolved*, That the farther consideration of the Report on Sustentation be postponed until the next meeting of the Synod, and that the report be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Rev. James Gardner, D. D., and Elders Warner Van Norden and Thomas T. Flagler were appointed a committee to draft by-laws (as provided for in Section 5 of the Act under which the Synod is incorporated), which shall govern the appointment of officers to control the affairs and property of this corporation; and to nominate Trustees, including the Moderator, the Stated and Permanent Clerks, and the Treasurer, *ex officio*.

The Rev. Daniel W. Poor, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Education.

The Rev. Timothy G. Darling, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies.

The Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College presented a report, which was accepted; and addresses on the subject were made by the Rev. Henry Darling, D. D., LL. D., the President of the college, and the Rev. Henry Kendall, D. D.

The report is as follows:

The past year has been one of inaction as respects the endowment of Hamilton College. The internal affairs of the institution have been in such a state that nothing could be undertaken successfully in the way of outward effort. As a consequence, the movement to secure \$500,000 has been arrested, and remains where it was a twelvemonth since. Nor can its former momentum be regained, except as in every portion of the Synod there shall be a quickened sense of our obligation as a church to educate our sons in our own institutions.

That this principle should assert itself, there can be no question. It has passed into a proverb that the church which educates most will be the church of the future. True, a college, to command patronage, must possess intrinsic excellence as well as denominational endorsement. And this requires a large expenditure of money. But, considering the immense resources of the Presbyterian Church in the Empire State, it is certainly within our power, as it is within our province, to endow a collegiate institution that shall be every way worthy of our denominational character and position. If Hamilton College is not the proper object upon which to bestow our gifts, let us, as a Synod, frankly say so, and abandon the movement which, in good faith, we inaugurated three years ago. But if it is a college which meets the growing demands of our church, or which, with increased expenditure, may be made to meet them, let us resume our operations in the matter of the endowment, and place the institution, forthwith, upon a solid financial basis.

Impressed with the conviction that Hamilton College should receive the sympathy and support of the Presbyterian Church in this State, and that its projected endowment should be accomplished at no distant day, your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of seven ministers and five elders, to take the place of the present committee, be appointed to devise and put in operation some efficient plan for completing the endowment of Hamilton College in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

The recommendation was adopted, and the committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. Messrs. John H. Ecob, D. D., Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., J. Wilford Jacks, T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Charles E. Robinson, D. D., Edward G. Thurber, D. D., Henry Kendall, D. D., and Elders Charles A. Hawley, Horace B. Silliman, Theodore S. Hubbard, Thomas T. Flagler and William F. Lee.

The Committee on the Endowment of Elmira College presented the following report, which was accepted:

The committee has had the object of its appointment in mind, and one meeting has been called, at the college in June last. While, upon conference, the present did not seem to be a favorable time for a general effort toward increased endowment, yet plans have been maturing by which it is hoped that this desirable result may be secured. The recent movement, inspired by the generous offer of D. W. McWilliams, Esq., as executor of the Marquand estate, to give the sum of \$25,000 on condition that a like sum be raised by the friends of the college, has been completed, and the sum of \$50,000 added to the available funds of the institution. A large portion of this amount, however, has been expended upon the necessary enlargement and improvement of the college buildings. These are now in excellent order, and furnish accommodations for an increased number of students. With improved conveniences and apparatus for study, the college is steadily pursuing its course and doing excellent and effective work. The curriculum of study has been enlarged and raised, so as to be on a level with the standard of the best colleges for women in the country. The Faculty is composed of able and competent Professors and Instructors, who are earnest, even to enthusiasm, in their work. The President, a gentleman of long experience, and, by special culture, peculiarly adapted to his position, devotes his whole time and energies, and is indefatigable in his efforts on behalf of the institution. The college has an honorable record, and both the history of the past and the present condition and work of the college are such as to give it claim to the appreciation, confidence and patronage of the members of the Presbyterian Church in this state.

It is no longer a question for discussion whether women shall be as well educated as men. It is a settled and accepted fact, that the average woman is as capable of profiting by a liberal education as the average man. It is also obvious that a woman may so utilize a superior education as to make it most desirable, both for herself and for her family, even though she do not enter upon a literary career or professional life. A well-educated Christian mother may, perchance, do as much for the church and the coming of Christ's kingdom as those in a more public position, such as that of the physician, the lawyer or the author. Certainly no one will question that, for those who choose to devote their lives to the profession of teaching, which is more and more coming into the hands of women, a thorough collegiate education is as essential as a collegiate training is for any of the learned professions among men. A superior education is often, also, the chief reliance of able and talented young women for honorable self-support in those providential circumstances in which self-support is a necessity.

Yet more, woman's special work in mission fields and various aspects of social reform, and her governing influence in the operations of the church and Sunday-school, greatly emphasize the urgent demand for well-trained and highly educated Christian women,—women educated not for admiration or exhibition, but for sober, earnest Christian influence and religious work.

This is the type of education which the Christian college should give, and such is the training which it has been the one aim of Elmira College to secure for its students. With very limited resources, derived chiefly from local sources, and from those who have best known the college and appreciated the value and importance of its work, it has gone on for thirty years, steadily, though slowly, increasing its reputation and extending its influence. Meantime its pecuniary resources have been gradually accumulating during these years, as augmented by self-support, and from time to time by small donations. This has required most careful financial adminis-

tration; and from the beginning this has been such as to command the highest approval of business men. In this condition of its pecuniary affairs, however, the college has always been obliged to limit its plans and restrict its work, for want of means for enlargement. But it has held steadily on its way, and made full proof of its principles and methods, which, having approved themselves, are now ready to be applied on a greatly enlarged scale.

Little more needs to be expended on buildings or for equipment, except for the library, for which both buildings and books are needed urgently. One of the most pressing demands of the present time is the increase of the scholarship fund, for the assistance of those of limited means, who are both worthy of help and earnestly desirous of securing a liberal education. A large class of noble Christian young women is found every year pleading for aid. They have graduated from the free schools at their own homes. They have developed conscious intellectual ability, and intensely desire to pursue the higher branches of study. They have no taste for the aimless leisure that comes to so many young girls immediately after their school days. They desire something more and better. They have the noble ambition to increase their own value to the utmost, and to fit themselves for the best work and the widest influence, so as to make the most of themselves, both for this life and for that which is to come. To welcome and to aid this large and increasing class, the college needs at least one hundred thousand dollars, as an invested scholarship fund; and the question has been before your committee whether it might not be possible so to present this urgent need as to enlist the sympathy and aid especially of the Christian women of the state, so that by donation or bequest this amount may be secured for the college as a constant and never-failing source of blessing to all coming generations.

This may not be the work of a single year, but it is a work which your committee most earnestly hopes to see accomplished during the few years immediately before us. Indeed, much more than this is needed. Could Elmira College receive one hundred thousand dollars a year for the next five years, it could all be applied judiciously to the use of the institution, and made fruitful of blessing to the church and to the nation. Some such generous treatment as this is greatly needed in order to lift up and place the college fully abreast of the best women's colleges of the land. Such a sum is not expected to be realized at once, or by small donations or collections in the churches, which might interfere with our annual collections for the Board of Aid for Colleges. But from an earnest and persistent, yet judicious presentation of the case as fully approved and endorsed by the Synod, and commended especially to the attention of the Christian women of the State of New York, such a desirable result may ultimately be reached. Would it not be practicable to place one pastor, in every Presbytery, in direct communication with the college, and through him to reach the women in every church so as to create an intelligent interest in this College in all parts of the State? Should such a plan be adopted, of course its success could be secured only by the distributed share of interest and effort in each Presbytery to present this object to the favorable consideration of wealthy and liberal Christian women, especially those connected with our church and Synod.

In conclusion, your committee feels that the call is most urgent upon the Synod, and upon the church which it represents, to open to our daughters, at least one first-class college, amply equipped and endowed, and which shall be as well furnished for the higher education of women, as our best colleges are for men; so that our young women need not go to the colleges of other denominations, or to secular State universities, in order to secure the best advantages of education.

Elmira College has been eminently and distinctively a Christian institution from



the beginning. Its aim has been to educate not simply the intellect, but also the heart, to develop the religious affections and character, and so to qualify in the highest degree for Christian influence and useful service. It is located most eligibly within our own bounds, and its affairs are entirely under the control of the Synod. A proper understanding of its needs, and a becoming appreciation of its value, ought to lead to generous provision for its interests. With a small amount compared with the expense of founding a new institution, the Synod may make Elmira College just what the Presbyterian Church of the State needs for the education of its daughters—make it indeed the fitting ally and crown of the noble group of colleges and seminaries of learning within our bounds.

The committee appointed last year to defend the action of the Synod before the General Assembly against the appeal of Mr. Walter Bradshaw, in Judicial Case No. 2, presented the following report, which was accepted:

The committee respectfully reports that it was in attendance upon the duty assigned it; that the Committee on Judicial Business of the General Assembly recommended "that the appeal and complaint of Mr. Bradshaw against the action of the Synod of New York be not entertained"; and that this recommendation was adopted unanimously. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1885, pp. 593, 594.]

The Committee of Visitors to Union Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted:

Of the four ministers appointed on this committee, three attended, and of the three elders, but one.

As the Seminary is not under the control of the Synod, the committee desires to emphasize the courtesy of all the examiners. Every facility in inquiring into the methods and internal discipline of the Seminary, as well as in questioning the students in the process of examination, was most freely accorded.

The schedule of examinations is such that all the classes are under examination at the same hour. The committee could not, therefore, in a body, sit out each examination; but some member of the committee was present at some time during the progress of each examination, except on Monday. The examination in Church History had been previously held to enable the Rev. Dr. Hitchcock to be present at Edinburgh and receive an honorary degree from the University in that city. This University, in celebrating its anniversary, accorded graceful recognition to the scholarship of other lands by conferring degrees on a few of their most distinguished scholars. The friends of the Seminary take no little pride in remarking that two of the divines selected for such recognition in our own country are Professors in the institution; an eminent distinction, which may be accepted as a guarantee of the scholarship of the Seminary.

The spirit of research and severe application characterizing the Faculty, and testified by the numerous publications in which they have made the church their debtor, is not, the committee believes, lost upon the students, and is a happy promise for the scholarly qualifications of these future defenders of the faith. Of the first six incumbents of the fellowships founded by Dr. Adams so recently as 1877, each is already holding a place of distinction, four in seminaries and two in colleges, some of them at the outset of their career men of authority in their departments. The success at-



tending these fellowships, and the advantage ensuing to the cause of sound learning, may well stimulate our men of wealth to make larger provision for the prosecution of special studies.

The examinations were mainly oral. In the Hebrew department exegetical papers were also required, some of which were of a high order of merit. An excellent average was observed in the general class work. There were, of course, a few exceptions to this commendation; and the committee believes that there should be such a correspondence between the Presbyteries and Seminaries as would promptly bring delinquent students to account before the Presbyteries.

It is, nevertheless, believed that in the last few years there has been a decided advance in the quality of work required by the seminaries, an advance quite as far as is likely to receive the coöperation of the Presbyteries, which, in some few instances, at least, have been known to license students not fully sustained in their Seminary work even before the completion of a three years' course. A more careful presbyterial supervision of the diligence of their students and a more active sympathy in every effort to raise the standard of ministerial scholarship are to be desired.

It should also be remarked that not a few of the defects noticeable in the minority referred to, were attributable to a deficient training prior to the Seminary, if not to the College, course. The crowded curriculum of the Seminary, and the overpressure of work upon instructors, afford little opportunity to remedy the defects of preparatory training; defects always more glaring in popular estimation than failure in the nicer points of scholarship, making it incumbent on the Presbyteries to see carefully to the rudimentary training of candidates for the ministry. This criticism might be extended farther to impress upon all our students the necessity of being able to quote the proof-texts for the more important doctrines in the exact words of Scripture.

The marked reverence for the authority of the Scriptures, and the constant appeal to them as final in all matters of doctrine, not merely in the examination in Dogmatics, but wherever the subject treated warranted Scriptural reference, was a most grateful feature, and an excellent foundation for confidence in the soundness of the class-room instruction. Where Christ is the center and the Word of God the circumference in all authoritative utterance, no fear need be entertained of instruction inconsistent with sound and saving doctrine.

The committee cordially commends the Seminary to the confidence of the Synod and to the generous support and sympathy of the church.

The occasion was memorable as being the first "final examination" held in the new buildings. The church should hold in grateful memory the names of Morgan and Marquand, of Jessup and James, by whose liberality this group of buildings has been erected, and of James Brown, whose noble gift of \$300,000 so enlarged and strengthened the institution. For the beauty and convenience of the buildings, and the facilities afforded for health and comfort by these desirable structures, the church, in grateful pride at the loving remembrance of her sons, may well give God thanks.

The testimony of the Professors is that these improved facilities have not only reacted favorably upon the health and studiousness of the young men, but that no year has witnessed a more earnest devotion to spiritual interests. All that your committee witnessed bore out the testimony of the Faculty to the Christian temper, the general diligence, and the promise of usefulness, of these young servants of the Master.

In spite of the noble and costly pile of buildings and the large endowment, the committee would remind the Synod that the pecuniary needs of the Seminary are urgent. The buildings are unproductive, no rent being charged the students, and the

maintenance of so large a property is a burden. The income from all sources, reported to the last Assembly, was \$60,000, and the expenditure was \$73,000. There is also a need of scholarships, that the poorer students may not be diverted so largely from their studies in order to procure the means of support, or be compelled to impair the health of both body and mind by an unwise, yet unavoidable, economy. It is also to be noted that if our Professors are to lead in original investigation, and keep the church in the advance of modern scholarship, without breaking down physically in the attempt, provision should be made for a further subdivision of labor.

Finally, and above all, the institution, and the young men at this interesting stage which must so greatly affect their future worth to God and man, are commended to the constant prayers of God's people, that we may have a ministry eminent not merely for learning and sound doctrine, but for vital godliness and good works,—men whose lives and labors shall be the highest earthly commendation of the doctrine preached.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted:

The committee has had before it but one case, namely, that of the Rev. George N. Smith against the Presbytery of Geneva. It is a three-fold complaint, as follows:

1. A complaint received by the Presbytery, June 10, 1885, in which Mr. Smith complains that the Presbytery arraigned him the second time on charges for which he had already "received punishment." From the Record it appears that he had not been previously tried, but that, charges having been made, an agreement looking to a friendly settlement of the difficulty was entered into, and all the papers were returned to the original parties. Moreover, the charges at this time, in form at least, were new.

2. A complaint received June 26, 1885. This consists of mere allegations concerning matters quite outside of the Record; so that here there is no cause of action.

3. A complaint received October 2, 1885, in which the Presbytery is charged with tampering with its Record by making certain erasures. These erasures were mere emendations, and were not of such a nature as in any way to affect the charges brought by Presbytery against Mr. Smith. Moreover, even upon these charges, trial was arrested by a mutual arrangement, under which the accused was to make, and did make, a full confession, covering the charges made against him; and this agreement was accepted by all the parties.

Your committee, therefore, finds that there is no ground of action in this case, and recommends that the complaint be dismissed and that the complainant have leave to withdraw his papers.

It was made the first order of business for Friday morning to hear the Rev. William C. Cattell, D. D., the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

The committees appointed to examine the Records of the following Presbyteries reported, recommending that the records severally be approved, as far as written, namely: Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cayuga, Champlain, Chemung, Columbia, Genesee, Genesee Valley, Geneva, Hudson, Long Island, Nassau, Niagara,

North River, Oroomiah, Otsego, Rochester, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

The reports were adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Lyons reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the exception that in respect to the report of the Committee on Feeble Churches, the record (p. 471) fails to state the action of the Presbytery.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of New York reported, recommending their approval, as far as written, with the exception that full names are not always given.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Siam reported, recommending their approval, as far as written, with the exception that the name of the Rev. John M. Culbertson is dropped from the roll without any reason being assigned.

The report was adopted.

The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of Chile and North Laos reported that the records had not been presented.

The reports were accepted, and the committees were discharged.

The Committee on Sunday-School Work presented the following report, which was adopted:

That no papers requiring action have been placed in its hands. It contents itself with referring to the excellent and exhaustive action of last year, found on page 42 of the Minutes of 1884, and recommends that the attention of all the churches be renewedly drawn to this most hopeful field of religious work as there exhibited.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee the following were appointed Visitors to the Theological Seminaries:

AUBURN SEMINARY: *Ministers*—Rufus S. Green, D. D., Josiah E. Kittredge, D. D., George B. Spaulding, D. D., Charles C. Wallace, D. D.; *Elders*—William H. Kent, Joseph H. Plumb, Simon G. Visscher.

UNION SEMINARY: *Ministers*—L. Merrill Miller, D. D., Robert Court, D. D., Joseph E. Nassau, D. D., Wilson Phraner, D. D.; *Elders*—Merritt Brooks, Walter Carter, Edward Wells.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 22, 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

After the recess devotional services were held, and addresses were delivered on Home Missions, and Missions Among the Freedmen, in accordance with appointment.

Adjourned until to-morrow at nine o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

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FRIDAY, October 23, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and spent the first half hour in devotional services.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Rev. William C. Cattell, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

The committee appointed last year to select and employ a Synodical Superintendent, presented the following report, which was accepted :

Eight Presbyteries, namely, Albany, Champlain, Columbia, Lyons, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Troy and Utica, having indicated to the Stated Clerk their desire to secure the services of a Synodical Superintendent, your committee felt warranted in employing a suitable person to act in that capacity. The names of several earnest and efficient ministers of our church were presented to the committee, but after a careful canvass of them all, the choice of the committee fell upon Rev. James N. Crocker, of Saratoga Springs. Mr. Crocker had filled, with great ability and success, a similar position in the former Synod of Albany; had already labored in most of the Presbyteries expressing a desire to coöperate in the present plan of synodical superintendence; and had so commended himself and his work to the members of these Presbyteries that the request for his appointment was well-nigh universal. Accordingly, he was employed by the committee to serve as Synodical Superintendent, at a salary of \$1,500 per year, and expenses while on the field. Mr. Crocker entered upon his work on January 1, 1885, and has since been prosecuting it with great vigor and success. Many pulpits hitherto vacant have been supplied with pastors, and the general results have confirmed the action of the Synod in sanctioning synodical superintendence, and the action of the committee in appointing Mr. Crocker.

The following committee was appointed on the Endowment of Elmira College: The Rev. Messrs. Tryon Edwards, D. D., Nathaniel W. Conkling, D. D., William A. Niles, D. D., George D. Meigs, J. Jermain Porter, D. D., J. Lovejoy Robertson, G. Parsons Nichols, D. D.

and Elders Daniel W. McWilliams and Thompson C. Maxwell, together with the following ladies: Miss Sarah M. Van Vleck, Mrs. Robert J. Swan, and Mrs. William Alling.

The Committee on the Condition of the Churches, and Mission Work within the bounds of the Synod, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations therein were adopted:

The committee has received communications from all the Presbyteries, not including those in the Foreign Mission field, except four; and combining their information with that in the published Minutes, it finds abundant reason for gratitude and thanksgiving to God, in view of the enlargement and prosperity of the churches in the Synod. Notwithstanding deaths and removals, we have the same number of ministers who are pastors and stated supplies in the field as last year, and 784 churches, an increase of five. Ten licentiates more than we had last year are reported, and twenty-four more candidates. To our churches have been added, largely by examination, 11,695, being 1,703 more than in 1884, and increasing the total of our communicants 2,711.

Beyond the 93 marked "H. R.," and 110 engaged as Chaplains, Church Missionaries, Presidents of Colleges and Seminaries, Professors, Teachers and Editors, we find 62 evangelists and 95 without charge. Are there none of these that can be employed to meet the needs of our 136 vacant churches? A large number of these churches enroll from 40 up to nearly 200 communicants. Surely, these are fields where good tillage may be expected to produce good fruits.

To find what can be done in this state of things, in agreement with the recommendations of this committee made in elaborate reports the past two years, the Synod has appointed two committees for specific work and a Synodical Superintendent; and has recommended to Presbyteries, first, to encourage the building of manses, and second, to appoint committees of their own number to look after local evangelization and the supply of their vacant churches, as far as possible asking from their churches special contributions to carry forward this work.

What has been done under this general plan aside from the committees? Our reports from the churches show:

1. That several new manses have been secured, and measures are in progress for others.

2. Several Presbyteries have in operation the plan for caring for their mission fields under the guidance of efficient committees. A noble work is successfully done by the Presbyteries of Brooklyn, Geneva, New York and Westchester, in which districts wealth and workers abound. New enterprises have been undertaken and mission chapels built. Evangelistic meetings are projected in New York. For a large part of the Synod, we can adopt the language of a report from one of the Presbyteries: "There is an advance all along the line, of financial and spiritual endeavor."

3. The Synodical Superintendent has been successfully employed in eight Presbyteries,—Albany, Champlain, Columbia, Lyons, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Troy and Utica. There existed in these Presbyteries many vacancies. In two of them, every church is supplied. In three, all are filled except one in each. And in the three others, nearly all are supplied. One new church has been organized in one Presbytery, and in another a chapel has been built for a destitute district. In some places laymen have maintained services. One Presbytery reports that for many years it has not been so thoroughly manned with ministers as at present.

Your committee has no additional measures to suggest. It only asks for and urges a good working out of the plan thus fairly before the Synod. From what already appears, it is persuaded that the happiest results will follow their diligent unfolding.

Our Superintendent can assist in doing similar work in other Presbyteries. As his salary is fixed, the more numerous the fields occupied by him, the less will each Presbytery be required to pay. This will help the weaker Presbyteries. And if, on the gospel principle that the strong shall help the weak, the Synod itself should at last see fit to assess itself for his support, sending him wherever, in the state, his work shall be most needed, then the *pro rata* of expenses would be only a little over one cent to each communicant, a very small but a very productive investment.

The chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Home Missions constitute the Synod's Committee on the Condition of the Churches. It is essential to the success which the Synod desires, that it should be known who they are. No way is provided now for this information. It is *recommended*, therefore, to effect this purpose, and for other ends useful and desirable,

That the Presbyteries print lists of their Permanent Committees, and send copies to the chairman of the Synod's Committee and the Secretaries of the Boards, and interchange them among the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries.

It is also *recommended*, that in needy districts where the gospel is not preached, Presbyteries encourage their elders and Christian laymen to hold Sabbath-schools and maintain religious services.

In conclusion, the Presbyteries report increasing zeal, both in the churches and in the women's societies, for our great missionary work. This is apparent from the fact that the Synod gave for the work of the Board \$28,365.97 more this year than in 1884, which latter year was in advance of previous years. Let us, however, not forget that the Board of Home Missions is still making appropriations to assist 94 churches in the Synod to support the means of grace: This fact emphasizes the need of a vigorous prosecution of the plans already adopted. Such faithful and earnest work will certainly reduce the number of men commissioned within our bounds, and release much aid for other fields burdened with pressing needs. The word comes to the ministers and elders throughout the Synod, as it came to the people of God in olden time, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."

The Synodical Superintendent, the Rev. James N. Crocker, and the Rev. Joseph W. Sanderson, Superintendent of Mission Work in New England, addressed the Synod in reference to their fields and labors.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Work of the Church presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations therein were adopted:

Our 772 churches, not counting those in foreign Presbyteries, have 136,630 members. Our total gifts, as reported in the last Minutes of the General Assembly, were \$2,776,564, an average of \$20.32 per member, as against \$2,777,662, an average of \$20.70 per member, the year preceding. Deducting the amount paid for congregational expenses, our gifts to benevolent objects were \$884,823, an average of \$6.47,—a gain of \$17,481 over the previous year, with the same average per member. Again deducting the amounts in the "General Assembly" and "Miscellaneous" columns, our contributions to the objects represented by our Boards are found to be \$544,076,

a loss of \$2,162. Our average per member this year to our Boards is \$3.98, as against \$4.08 for the year ending May 1, 1884.

This loss, however, so far as the beneficence of our churches is concerned, is seeming, rather than real. One of the Boards received, during the previous year, the unusual bequest of \$100,000, which was credited to our Synod. Deducting this, our increase would be \$97,838.

In view of the prolonged business depression, which has seriously lessened the giving ability of the church, this is a most gratifying exhibit, and is conclusive proof of the deep hold which these great objects have upon the consciences and hearts of the people.

The following are the amounts given to each Board for the years ending May 1, 1884 and 1885:

<i>Boards.</i>	<i>1884.</i>	<i>1885.</i>	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
Home Missions.....	\$209,338	\$215,919	\$6,581	.....
Foreign Missions.....	176,616	181,227	4,611	.....
Education.....	37,276	33,204	.....	4,072
Publication.....	7,057	6,472	.....	585
Church Erection.....	42,575	30,422	.....	12,153
Relief Fund.....	20,555	26,466	5,911	.....
Freedmen.....	20,330	28,045	7,715	.....
Sustentation.....	3,397	4,125	728	.....
Aid for Colleges, etc.....	29,094	18,196	.....	10,898
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$546,238</b>	<b>\$544,076</b>	<b>\$25,546</b>	<b>\$27,708</b>
Decrease in 1885.....			\$2,162.	

Still more gratifying is the gain made in the number of contributions to the Boards. There has been an advance here all along the line, as the following table, exhibiting the number of blanks, will show:

<i>Boards.</i>	<i>1884.</i>	<i>1885.</i>	<i>Gain.</i>
Home Missions.....	155	119	36
Foreign Missions.....	164	142	22
Education.....	377	292	85
Publication.....	441	353	88
Church Erection.....	391	295	96
Relief Fund.....	340	277	63
Freedmen.....	394	292	102
Sustentation.....	571	464	107
Aid for Colleges, etc.....	723	494	229
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3,556</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>828</b>

For this result great credit is due to the chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Systematic Beneficence and on the various Boards of the church. Every Presbytery, with two exceptions, has lessened the number of its blanks. Worthy of special mention is Hudson, which easily takes the lead of its sister Presbyteries, with its increase of 108 contributions to the Boards. Albany follows with a gain of 64, Utica with 49, Brooklyn with 45, North River with 44, Nassau with 42, Buffalo with 38, Rochester with 37, Genesee Valley with 31, and others with lesser numbers. Boston and Chemung alone report losses, the former of 24 and the latter of 3 contributions.



Encouraging as this increase is, let us not forget the sad fact that 2,728 contributions (39 per cent.) due to our Boards were not made. In fairness it ought to be admitted that there is a partial excuse for such a showing. Some of our churches have little more than a name. Not a few are moribund. Others are without the preached Word. One has but a single member; two report but two members; three, but three; one, but four; and two, but five. We have 53 churches with a roll of 20 or less; 38 more number between 20 and 30 members; 32, between 30 and 40; and 36, between 40 and 50 members. Here are 159 churches, ranging in number from 1 to 50 souls. Ten more, not included in the above, are starved. To the credit of some of these churches it should be said that every blank has been filled, thus showing what *may* be done; while many of them have contributed to one or more objects. Together they have made 348 contributions, a fact which, considering their ability, implies as much, and probably greater, sacrifice, than in the case of larger and richer churches.

But the excuse is only partial. If we deduct the 1,173 failures to contribute on the part of these 169 churches, there still remain 1,555 blanks against the 603 churches which number upward of fifty members, an ample field still for the work of your committee.

There is a yet wider field to cultivate, and that is, *proportionate giving on the part of the individual*. Twelve months ago the Synod resolved to "strive to contribute to the treasuries of our Boards during the current year the sum of one million dollars." In spite of the hard times this might have been done with ease, had there been, on the part of our 136,630 members, a giving at all commensurate with the Scriptural rule, "*as God hath prospered them.*" An average of *two cents a day* per member would have been sufficient. Who can believe that the Lord has not prospered his people to a greater extent than this? Suppose we gave the tenth required of the Jew in the old dispensation. Who will claim that we, with a world to evangelize, ought to give less? Then an income of \$10,000,000 would yield the necessary million for the Lord's work. But such an income would be an average of only \$73.18 a year, per member. Many of our members, it is true, are dependent upon others for their support. Let us suppose that only one-fifth are remuneratively employed. Then the average per member would be only \$365.90,—a little over one dollar a day. In other words, if only a fifth of our church members received but an average income of one dollar a day, and of this income should give one-tenth to the agencies established by our church for evangelizing the world, the result would be one million dollars. Are any words more applicable to such a condition of things than those of the Almighty himself to his ancient people? "Ye have *robbed* me in tithes and offerings."

Can a million dollars be raised for our Board by the rich Synod of New York? It would be ten millions instead of one million, were there any approach to proportionate giving on the part of our people.

Stern facts force your committee to the conclusion that principled giving is as yet but little more than a theory in our congregations, if, indeed, it has reached that vantage-ground. Our churches do not practise it. The Sessions, as a rule, are indifferent to it. Even our ministers, to a shameful extent, pay it no attention, at least so far as the instruction of their people is concerned. Yet on no subject of Christian duty are the Scriptures more clear or more emphatic.

Your committee has noted with pleasure the faith and zeal which have characterized the work of our women for the Boards of the church; and while bidding them a hearty Godspeed, it would impress upon our men the truth that the evangelization of the world is not a distinctively feminine work.



Attention is called also to the large sum of \$328,810 given during the year to miscellaneous objects. While this indicates the unsectarian spirit which always has been characteristic of Presbyterians, and is accordingly worthy of commendation, the question suggests itself, whether we ought not, in view of the pressing needs of our Boards, laboring as they are under the incubus of crushing debts, to do more for them, even though we may thereby be obliged to do less for outside objects.

By your action one year ago this committee was appointed, "with a view to continuous work from year to year at the pleasure of Synod," to the end that interest in this great subject might be increased, and proportionate giving be developed among our people. It is proper to say that your committee has labored to the extent of its ability toward these ends, namely, by means of correspondence with the chairmen of Presbyterian Committees on Systematic Beneficence and on the Boards of the church, by communications to all of our Sessions, by articles in the religious papers, and by coöperation with the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence. The expense of this work has been borne by the committee.

The committee recommends :

1. That the gifts of the Synod to the Boards of the church, for the current year, ought not to be less than one million dollars.

2. That each Presbytery be directed to select an efficient Committee on Systematic Beneficence, and to send, through its Stated Clerk, as soon as possible after such selection, the names of its chairmen of Committees on Systematic Beneficence and on the Boards of the church to the chairmen of the General Assembly's and Synod's Committees on Systematic Beneficence; also to each Board the names of the chairmen of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Committee on that Board.

3. That Sessions, and especially pastors, be charged with the duty of instructing their people in the principles of Scriptural beneficence; of giving them an opportunity of contributing to each of the Boards, and of adopting some plan of weekly offerings as a part of the regular worship of God's holy day. "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

4. That the members of our churches be exhorted to consider conscientiously and prayerfully the claims of God upon their money, as well as upon their time and life; and to adopt some plan, founded on principle, of giving to the Lord a fair proportion of all that He has given to them.

5. That the women, in churches where it has not already been done, be urged to form themselves into societies for missionary work.

6. That the children be trained, in the home and in the Sunday-school, to contribute to our Boards, with the special end in view that these great agencies may find a secure place in their affections and in their habits of beneficence.

A paper from the Board of Foreign Missions has been placed in the hands of your committee, showing that while \$26,372.46 have been received towards its debt, there has been a decline of \$17,095.66 in receipts for the regular work. In view of this fact the committee proposes the following :

*Resolved*, That our churches be urged to contribute towards the liquidation of the debts of the Foreign and Home Boards, without interfering with, or lessening their gifts for the regular work of these Boards.

The committee to whom was referred a resolution concerning Religion and Public Education presented a report, which was accepted,

and referred to the following committee, to report at the next meeting of the Synod: Rev. Messrs. David G. Wylie, Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., Abraham S. Gardiner, George S. Payson, and Elders Warner Van Norden and Edward F. Pierson.

The committee appointed to draft by-laws, in accordance with the Act under which the Synod is incorporated, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Synod of New York, in accordance with the Act of Incorporation of the Synod (Minutes of 1884, p. 41), establishes the following

BY-LAWS.

I. The Trustees of this corporation shall consist of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk and Treasurer, all *ex officio*; and, in addition, six ministers and six elders, a majority of whom shall live in or near New York City, to constitute three classes, to hold office one, two and three years respectively, their successors to be elected by the Synod, and to hold office for three years each.

II. At least eight Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

III. These Trustees shall meet in New York City, in the Lecture Room of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, at four o'clock, P. M., on the second Tuesday of November, 1885, or as soon thereafter as a quorum may be secured, in said place of meeting, and shall organize by appointing such officers as they may deem necessary.

IV. They shall communicate the fact of the completion of their organization, with its details, to the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, and shall publish the same in the *New York Observer* and *New York Evangelist*.

V. They shall report to the Synod next year any further by-laws which they may deem necessary to promote the objects of the act of incorporation.

The following were appointed Trustees:

For one year: Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., George Alexander, D. D., Morris K. Jesup, Warner Van Norden.

For two years: Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Samuel M. Hamilton, D. D., William A. Wheelock, Henry Day.

For three years: Howard Crosby, D. D., Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., William Allen Butler, D. Willis James.

The Committee on the Relations of the Synod to the Cause of Academic and Collegiate Education reported, recommending the appointment of Visitors to the following institutions, from which requests for such appointment had been received:

To the Department of Arts and Sciences in the University of the City of New York: Rev. Messrs. Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., Samuel T. Carter, Theodore F. Burnham, Abraham S. Gardiner, John Reid, and Elder William F. Lee.

To Adams Collegiate Institute: Rev. Messrs. Henry Darling, D. D., LL. D., Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., Henry M. MacCracken, D. D.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented the following report, which was accepted:

The attention of the Synod is called to the following items:

1. The Assembly adopted the usual recommendations as to the Day of Prayer for colleges and the Week of Prayer for the conversion of the world.
2. The Revision of the Book of Discipline and part of the Directory of Worship has been completed, and is now printed and presented to the churches.
3. The Assembly approved of the intention of the Board of Publication to publish a new edition of Moore's Digest of the Acts and Deliverances of the General Assembly, and recommended the same to the church.
4. The Assembly recommended the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the meeting of the General Assembly, to occur in 1888.
5. The Assembly advised Presbyteries (p. 604) to urge those ministers who have identified themselves with other denominations to take regular dismissals.
6. The Assembly instructed the Synods to appoint committees on each of the Boards of the church, and also Committees on Systematic Beneficence.
7. Owing to action taken by this Synod at the present session, your committee deems it respectful to the Assembly and the Synod to remind this body that the General Assembly of 1884 favored the adoption of plans of Synodical sustentation suitable to the condition of weak churches within the limits of the older and stronger Synods.
8. Each Synod has power to appoint a Judicial Commission consisting of ministers and elders in number not less than a quorum of the Synod.
9. Attention is directed to the action of the General Assembly on Reduced Representation, pages 629, 630:
10. Also, to the rule that permanent officers of a judicatory shall have the rights of Corresponding members in matters touching their several offices.

\* The action on the report of the Committee to propose a Plan of Sustentation was reconsidered; and it was

*Resolved*, That the report be recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of the Rev. Messrs. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., and Asa S. Fiske, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Synod; and that the committee be authorized to print its report, and furnish copies to the churches for their information.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented the following report, which was adopted:

Three papers have been placed in the hands of the committee:

1. An overture from the Presbytery of Buffalo, requesting an answer to the following question: "Is the pastor of a church, by virtue of his office, the moderator of a meeting of the communicants of the church called to elect ruling elders and deacons; and will the answer to this question also apply to regularly appointed moderators of Sessions who are not pastors?"

The committee recommends that this overture be referred to the next General Assembly.

2. A paper propounding the following question: "Have the Trustees of a Presbytery the legal and ecclesiastical right to make absolute and final disposition of the funds raised from the sale of the property of a defunct church, without consultation with, or instruction from, or vote of, the Presbytery?"

The following answer is recommended: The Trustees of a Presbytery are its servants and not its masters. The power to act, in cases like the one contemplated in the paper presented, is not inherent, but delegated. The Trustees of a Presbytery can make final disposition of funds entrusted to their care only as they are empowered by Presbytery to do so.

3. An overture from the Presbytery of Baltimore recommending that all our ministers make a special personal contribution to the funds of the Board of Relief before the close of the present fiscal year; and suggesting that this contribution be two per cent. of the respective salaries received, to the end that the average sum of \$20 being given by the five thousand ministers of the Church, the aggregate of \$100,000 may be raised.

Your committee is in hearty sympathy with the Board of Ministerial Relief, and desires that its treasury may be enriched to the utmost possible extent. But it regards the plan proposed as impracticable, and recommends that no action on this overture be taken by the Synod.

The Committee on the Place of the Next Meeting presented the following report, which was accepted:

In June last the pastor of the First Church of Elmira expressed to the committee a strong desire that the next session of the Synod should be held in that church. Early in September a most cordial letter was received from the Session inviting the Synod to accept the use of its edifice, and the hospitality of its members, for the annual meeting in 1886. This invitation was seconded by the President of Elmira College, and farther emphasized by the action of the Presbytery of Chemung, instructing its delegates to this body earnestly to urge that the next meeting of the Synod be held in the First Church of Elmira. Individual members of the Chemung Presbytery have also written to the committee urging that the meeting be held in that church.

Early in the present month, at a joint meeting of the Sessions of the several churches in Auburn, a resolution was unanimously adopted inviting the Synod to hold its next meeting in the First Presbyterian Church of that city. The invitation extended pursuant to this resolution is couched in the most hearty language and expresses earnest desire.

Since the opening of the present sessions the Rev. George B. Spaulding, D. D., pastor of the First Church of Syracuse, expressed verbally to the committee a request on behalf of himself and his Session that the next meeting of the Synod be held in their church. This invitation, like the others, was exceedingly cordial and earnest.

Your committee was not empowered to name the place of the next meeting, but simply to report invitations received. Indeed, with three such eligible proffers of hospitality, it is difficult to elect between them.

The committee, therefore, submits its report to the Synod, for such action as it may see fit to take.

The invitation of the First Church of Elmira was accepted, and

that church was designated as the place of the next meeting of the Synod.

The Pastors and Elders of the several Presbyterian churches of Elmira, and the Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D., were appointed a Committee of Arrangements, with the Rev. Isaac Jennings, Jr., as chairman.

The special thanks of the Synod were presented to the churches of Auburn, and the First Church of Syracuse, for their cordial invitations.

The Committee of Correspondence with the Presbytery of Oroomiah, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations therein were adopted:

The committee appointed in 1883 to consider a Memorial from the Presbytery of Oroomiah, touching the relations of that body to the Synod, reported last year as follows:

“The committee, to whom was referred a Memorial from the Presbytery of Oroomiah, touching the relations of that body to the Synod, and especially touching certain defects in its constitution, respectfully reports, that it has considered carefully the statements and questions in the Memorial, and has had considerable consultation and correspondence with brethren in Persia and in this country.

“In view of all the facts in the case, it does not seem strange that our brethren in Persia find it impracticable to put into immediate use and operation all the provisions of our Form of Government. As near an approximation to this as they find practicable should, the committee thinks, be accepted by the Synod, in the hope that experience and advancing Christian intelligence, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will gradually bring the Persian brethren to a cordial acceptance of all the essential and characteristic provisions of our Form of Government.

“It therefore recommends that the Synod express its approval of the plan outlined in the Memorial, as follows: ‘That the Presbyterian Church recognize the Nestorian Presbyteries as a part of the whole church, receiving them on the basis of essential agreement, while allowing the irregularities that arise from their development out of the old Nestorian Church.’

“It farther recommends that the Oroomiah Presbytery be requested to formulate, as distinctly as possible, a Constitution of Presbytery (Knooshy), which either already exists, or which the Nestorian brethren would accept as ‘the basis of essential agreement,’ on which the Synod can ask the General Assembly to recognize them ‘as a part of the whole church.’

“It also recommends that time be allowed for continued consultation and correspondence, to the end that the ‘irregularities’ which the church is asked to allow may be reduced to the smallest possible amount.”

This report was adopted by the Synod, and the committee was continued, for the purpose expressed in the final recommendation.

The Synod was also informed that a member of the committee had been appointed to visit the Western Persia Mission as authorized by the Synod at its meeting in 1883.

The committee now respectfully reports that its delegate [Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D.], arrived in Tabriz, on the 16th day of October, 1884, and was in that city with our missionaries until October 23. On that day, while the Synod was in session in

Buffalo, he started, in company with most of the missionaries of the Tabriz station, on a horseback journey of five days, to attend the annual meeting of the Western Persia Mission, at Oroomiah.

It was highly gratifying to your delegate to find that the expectation of such a visit from a representative of the Synod was not only most brotherly among the missionaries, but widespread and eager among the people. Pleasing evidence of this first met him in Tiflis, in Russia, 250 miles north of the northern limit of Persia, where he had the pleasure of meeting a little company of evangelical Nestorians from Oroomiah, and speaking to them through an interpreter. They were poor workmen, mechanics, who absented themselves so far from their homes in order to make better provision for their families by the higher wages which they could earn in the metropolis of trans-Caucasian Russia. It was no small joy to meet this little band of humble Christian brethren, convened on the Sabbath for worship, in their week-day workshop; to listen to their prayers and songs, and Scripture reading, and an earnest address from one of their number—all in their Syriac language; to receive, through an interpreter, their cordial welcome, accompanied with the declaration that their Syriac newspaper had given them to expect such a visit from one representing Christ's people in happy America, the land from which missionaries had brought the pure gospel to them.

More abundant and emphatic was the welcome which awaited him in Persia. Two missionary brethren kindly met him upon the frontier and accompanied him thence, a four days' journey, to Tabriz:

Outside the walls of Tabriz, an hour's ride distant, they were met by other missionaries, men and women, on horseback, accompanied by some of their native friends, joining them in this oriental welcome. As the Tabriz missionaries and your delegate drew near to Oroomiah, the welcome became still more demonstrative. Missionaries, native evangelical pastors and teachers, and even some Moslems rode out to welcome them. Some met them as many as ten or twelve miles away, and others at various distances, until the cavalcade of horsemen so demonstratively welcoming them amounted to more than fifty. This brotherly welcome of missionaries to their fellow-missionaries of another station, and of both to brethren from America, was most refreshing to weary travelers; and the joy of it was greatly intensified by the fact that the people for whom our missionaries have labored so faithfully, so justly appreciate their labor of love as to be eager to join them in demonstrations of welcome to an American stranger, of whom they only knew that he was a countryman of their benefactors, and an authorized representative of the Synod to which their benefactors belong.

Outside the walls of Oroomiah, sixty young men stood in line to greet your delegate and his son accompanying him. These were the students of our mission college; and within the mission compound stood in similar array the young ladies, pupils of the Female Seminary, with which the name of Fidelity Fisk is so honorably remembered.

Your delegate remained in Oroomiah fifteen days. Within this time, he not only had an opportunity of observing the ordinary work of the mission and its happy results in Oroomiah and the neighboring villages, but of attending the annual meeting of the mission, of the Presbytery of Oroomiah, and of the General Knooshya of the Nestorian Evangelical Church. This body contains thirty-one ordained "Kashas," *i. e.*, Presbyters, and has under its care sixty-five congregations. It embraces four district Knooshyas, related to it much as our Presbyteries to their Synod.

The methods of business in this body, the orderliness of its procedure, the dignity



and courtesy and vigor of its debates, the character of the questions discussed, ecclesiastical, ethical and spiritual, the eloquence and scripturalness of discourses, as your delegate heard them, through a whispering interpreter at his side—in all these the Knooshya seemed to him to compare favorably with an average Presbyterian Synod.

The constitution of this body differs from our Presbyterianism most prominently in respect to its elders and deacons. We understand that elders with them are not ordained, but are, perhaps, somewhat like members of a Church Committee with the Congregationalists. Deacons are, with them, about what licentiates are with us, empowered to preach, but not to administer sacraments.

The Presbytery of Oroomiah had before it a copy of the report of this committee to the Synod at its last meeting, but could not then know whether the Synod would adopt it, as it, in fact, did. The Presbytery adopted the following minute:

“1. That our Presbytery at once take under its care the Mission Church of Oroomiah station, and constitute that church according to Presbyterian order. Also that the Presbytery do the same with the native church of Tabriz.

“2. That the missionaries of Teheran and Hamadan, and the native ordained ministers within their bounds, become a separate Presbytery as soon as they feel prepared, and can do so conformably to the rules of the Confession of Faith; and that we so overture the Synod of New York whenever the time is come, because of the great distance which separates us from these brethren, and the difference of language.

“3. That we recognize the Knooshya of the Evangelical Nestorians as worthy of our ecclesiastical confidence and fellowship, and as being essentially Presbyterian, and that we appoint a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Shedd, Labaree and Oldfather to confer with our Nestorian brethren, and ascertain whether the differences between the constitution of their Knooshya and that of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America cannot be so far reduced, consistently with their convictions, that they may become a constituent part of the Synod of New York, and thus of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.”

Since the return of your delegate he has received letters from members of the Presbytery of Oroomiah, from which the following are extracts:

From Rev. S. G. Wilson, April 27, 1885: “I have heard nothing of the attitude of the native brethren, since the meeting of our Presbytery, and then the general opinion was that there was nothing in the constitution or regulations of the Knooshya which would present any insurmountable difficulties to the object set forth in the resolutions. How far it may be possible to make such modifications in the Knooshyas as to bring about their incorporation with the Presbyteries to be formed from the churches of the Teheran, Hamadan, Tabriz and Salmas fields, I think, can only be seen when the matter has been fully presented and considered by them. Perhaps Dr. Shedd, having consulted with the leading pastors, will be able to give an approximate judgment.”

From Dr. Shedd, of Oroomiah, July 4, 1885: “I asked the brethren at our city Knooshya the question, how far they were ready to approach Presbyterianism, pure and simple. The divergence now, you are aware, is, that the deacons are above the line and the elders below the line of our standards. After an interchange of views, the opinion all agreed to, was, that the elders should be very carefully chosen, and be set apart with solemn covenant and prayer, but not with the laying on of hands, and the status of the deacons remain for the present. The drift is towards our views, and the younger men are ready for greater changes; but the older men are more conservative. This is all I can report.”

Your committee respectfully recommends that the Synod express to the Presbytery

of Oroomiah its approval and high appreciation of their considerate and wise endeavors to commend to our Nestorian brethren the principles and spirit of our Presbyterian polity; that it send to the Knooshya its brotherly salutation; that it express to that body its appreciation of its great kindness to our delegate and to our missionaries; that it assure the Knooshya and its people of our affectionate prayers for their spiritual prosperity, and our purpose to continue our aid, so long as it shall be needed, to the missionary work in their land, remembering the distinguished missionary enterprise of the early Nestorian Church, and hoping that, in the not distant future, that people will again have large and honorable part in the work which is to issue in the evangelization of the whole world.

The committee also recommends that it, or a similar committee, be continued, to coöperate patiently and fraternally with the Presbytery of Oroomiah in its endeavor to perfect the union of the Knooshyas and Presbyteries, on principles and in an organization satisfactory to both.

The Committee of Correspondence with the Presbytery of Oroomiah was continued, as follows: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. Charles A. Briggs, D. D., and Elders Stephen M. Clement and Kiliaen Van Rensselaer; the former chairman, the Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., having removed beyond the bounds of the Synod.

The Presbytery of Geneva was directed to place upon its records the decision of the Synod in the matter of the complaint of the Rev. George N. Smith.

The Stated Clerk informed the Synod that no report had been received from the Permanent Committee on Temperance.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following were appointed the Permanent Committee on Temperance:

The Rev. Messrs. John H. Ecob, D. D., G. Parsons Nichols, D. D., Charles C. Wallace, D. D., Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., John P. Egbert, Charles C. Hemenway, Joseph Gamble, George D. Meigs, George A. Howard, D. D., William Swan, David McLeod, J. Jermain Porter, D. D., Henry A. Harlow, Joseph W. Earnshaw, Luther A. Ostrander, Alexander G. Russell, John Hall, D. D., Isaac P. Smith, William K. Hall, D. D., Irving E. White, George Patton, L. Merrill Miller, D. D., William A. Niles, D. D., Alexander Mc A. Thorburn, Ninian B. Remick, Dana W. Bigelow, Rollin A. Sawyer, D. D.

It was farther recommended that Rev. John Hall, D. D., be the chairman of the committee.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence was re-appointed, with the following changes: Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, D. D., in place of Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., and Rev. Hugh W. Torrence in place of Rev. Herman C. Riggs, D. D.



The Rev. Samuel Jessup, D. D., was appointed chairman of the Committee on the Condition of the Churches and Mission Work within the bounds of the Synod.

The Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted:

The committee reports a year of systematic work among the women of the Presbyteries, with results that are encouraging. The responses have been hearty, and interest in our work is evidently on the increase in nearly all parts of the Synod. We note an advance of \$3,656.08 in the gifts of auxiliary societies, and, in members, a gain of 3,800.

Through the summer months the increase in contributions over the corresponding months of last year has been very marked; from which unusual fact we augur more and still better things in the time to come.

A monthly prayer-meeting has been established in New York, to which women from all parts of the country are welcomed. A Presbyterial Society also has been organized in that city; and in two more Presbyteries steps are being taken towards the same end. When this has been accomplished, there will remain only one Presbytery without such an organization.

The total receipts, since October 17, 1884, are \$26,511.56, including \$1,600.78 contributed for the debt of the Board.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following were appointed, for the ensuing year,

THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

*Presbytery of Albany*—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. B. Frank Potter, Mrs. Isabella McGill.

*Binghamton*—Mrs. John Chatfield, Mrs. E. Hawley, Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. A. Frances Ibbotson, Miss Ida Storrs.

*Boston*—Mrs. Charles C. Wallace, Miss Elizabeth M. Kimball, Mrs. Andrew Burrows, Mrs. Valentine A. Lewis.

*Brooklyn*—Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. David M. Miller, Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. Hiram B. Jackson, Mrs. J. Sample, Miss Grace E. Cook, Miss Helen M. Wells.

*Buffalo*—Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. Martin D. Kneeland, Mrs. William H. Walker, Miss Harriet C. Buell.

*Cayuga*—Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington, Mrs. Levi T. Hamilton.

*Champlain*—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. Chandler N. Thomas.

*Chemung*—Mrs. Franklin S. Howe, Mrs. Alex. O. Peloubet.

*Columbia*—Mrs. George A. Howard, Mrs. George C. Yeisley.

*Genesee*—Mrs. Cassius H. Dibble, Mrs. William W. Totheroh.

*Genesee Valley*—Mrs. William F. Wheeler, Mrs. Thomas Chattle, Mrs. R. O. Smith, Mrs. F. R. Eaton.

*Geneva*—Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Miss Helen Hawley.

*Hudson*—Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. Charles W. Cooper, Mrs. F. Markoe Cummins.

*Long Island*—Mrs. Epher Whitaker, Mrs. Samuel Huntting, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. P. R. Reilly, Miss Amelia Smith.

*Lyons*—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. A. Parke Burgess.

*Nassau*—Mrs. Lewis Lampman, Mrs. J. R. Mowbray, Mrs. A. M. Given, Mrs. Peter B. Oakey, Mrs. W. A. M. Grier.

*New York*—Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. William F. Lee, Mrs. George D. Phelps, Mrs. Mary F. C. Strong, Miss F. A. Dyer, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. William H. Wickham.

*Niagara*—Mrs. Daniel Clarke, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. C. H. Fowler.

*North River*—Mrs. Hector Craig, Mrs. Charles J. Howell.

*Otsego*—Mrs. Pliny F. Sanborne, Mrs. Horace H. Allen, Miss Catharine Roseboom.

*Rochester*—Mrs. Joseph R. Page, Mrs. William Alling, Mrs. Sarah J. Nichols, Mrs. Josiah E. Kittredge, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. Herman C. Riggs.

*St. Lawrence*—Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Miss P. T. Hubbard.

*Steuben*—Mrs. William A. Niles, Mrs. Francis A. Williams, Mrs. William H. Rice.

*Syracuse*—Mrs. M. C. Armstrong, Mrs. Gilbert Mollison, Mrs. Chauncey Bronson, Mrs. Allen Butler, Mrs. B. S. Stone.

*Troy*—Mrs. E. N. Dauchy, Miss Elizabeth A. S. Eddy, Mrs. R. H. McClellan.

*Utica*—Mrs. John C. Gallup, Mrs. Frederick A. M. Brown, Miss Sarah Gilbert, Mrs. George Curran.

*Westchester*—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Jr., Mrs. Stanton Cady, Mrs. Edgar L. Heermance, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Miss Elizabeth Cristy, Mrs. Sanford R. Knapp, Mrs. F. A. Walker.

The Stated Clerk presented a minute adopted by the Presbytery of Oroomiah testifying its appreciation of the recent visit of the Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., as a delegate from this Synod, and of the deep interest in the welfare of that Presbytery expressed by his appointment.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to send a cordial acknowledgment.

Official information was presented of the organization of the Presbytery of North Laos, on Wednesday, June 17, 1885, when the Rev. Daniel McGilvary, D. D., preached the sermon, and the Rev. Samuel C. Peoples was elected Moderator and Stated Clerk.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of Elmira College was presented, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The following minute was adopted unanimously:

The Synod expresses to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burden its grateful sense of their kindness in the social reception given on Thursday, at Woodside Homestead, to the members of the Synod, and its hearty appreciation of their most graceful hospitality.

Cordial thanks are extended also to the Hon. William Kemp, President of the Street Railway Company, for his thoughtful kindness in providing transportation for the guests.

The following message was directed to be sent to the Inter-Seminary Alliance, in session in Rochester:

*The Synod of New York sends greeting*—Read Deuteronomy xxxi., 6, and Ephesians vi., 23.

The Rev. Messrs. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Asa S. Fiske and Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., were appointed a committee to consider the business methods of the Synod, and to report at the next meeting.

Authority was given to the Stated Clerk to keep the official Records of the Synod in printed form, in accordance with the permission of the General Assembly,—Minutes of 1884, page 75.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented the following report, which was accepted:

The committee adopted unanimously the following principles, as defining its powers and duties, namely:

Election to a seat in this body carries with it a solemn trust, besides conferring a sacred privilege. In accepting their appointment, delegates have placed themselves under obligation to attend the sessions of the Synod from the opening to the close, unless prevented from doing so by circumstances which were not foreseen when they accepted the trust.

For the faithful discharge of their duties they are responsible, primarily, to their respective Presbyteries. The Synod's committee is empowered, therefore, to grant leave of absence to delegates, in view only of circumstances which make their withdrawal necessary, and which have arisen subsequently to the assumption of their responsibilities as members of this body.

With these principles for its guidance, the committee has granted leave of absence to the following persons:

*Presbytery of Albany*: Elders—Archibald McClure, John C. Allen, Amos Hochstrasser.

*Binghamton*: Ministers—Sabin McKinney, George M. Janes; Elder—Abel Stowell.

*Brooklyn*: Ministers—John D. Wells, D. D., Louis Eulner, J. Winthrop Hageman, Arcturus Z. Conrad; Elders—Robert Henderson, Jr., J. Arthur Burr, Daniel W. Fish.

*Buffalo*: Minister—John McLachlan; Elder—James S. Fowler.

*Champlain*: Minister—Charles S. Richardson.

*Columbia*: Elders—Schuyler B. Coe, Milford L. Bates, M. D.

*Genesee*: Minister—Samuel Bowden.

*Genesee Valley*: Minister—John Burrows.

*Geneva*: Minister—Hugh W. Torrence; Elders—Cheney P. Whitney, James Mead.

*Hudson*: Ministers—Amasa S. Freeman, D. D., Charles W. Cooper, John Turner; Elder—George Buchenau.

*Long Island*: Minister—William H. Littell.

*Nassau*: Elders—Gugy S. Taylor, Nicholas Everett.

*New York*: Ministers—Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., Anson P. Atterbury, Henry G. Birchby; Elders—Warner Van Norden, William C. Martin, William F. Lee.

*Niagara*: Minister—Cornelius S. Stowitts; Elder—Thomas T. Flagler.

*North River*: Ministers—George P. Noble, Frederick B. Savage, D. D., Thomas C. Straus, David B. McMurdy.

*Otsego*: Minister—Frank H. Coffran; Elder—George N. Bissell.

*Rochester*: Ministers—Henry Wickes, Sybrant Nelson, Newton J. Conklin; Elder—Frank M. Ellery.

*St. Lawrence*: Elder—Roswell G. Pettibone.

*Steuben*: Elder—Francis A. Williams.

*Syracuse*: Minister—S. Edwin Koons; Elders—George V. N. Relyea, Benjamin J. Dyer.

*Troy*: Elder—William P. Bliss.

*Utica*: Minister—Nicholas W. Goertner, D. D.; Elders—Timothy Parker, Edward North, Simon G. Visscher.

*Westchester*: Elder—Enos Lee.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the bills for the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The several Standing Committees, having no farther reports to present, were discharged.

The following minute was adopted, unanimously:

The Synod of New York expresses its most grateful acknowledgment of the cordial welcome extended to its members by the congregations and citizens of Troy.

Its thanks are due especially, and are tendered warmly, to the most efficient Committee of Arrangements, whose labors have been abundant, wisely directed, and fruitful in all that could promote the comfort of the Synod, and serve the needs of its weighty business;

To the families which have extended to the delegates a most charming hospitality;

To the ladies whose generous labor has been so helpful in providing the daily repasts for the members located at a distance;

To the organist and choir for their devoted and capable attention to the several evening services held by the Synod, and to the organist, Mr. S. Burt Saxton, for the very enjoyable recital given on Thursday evening.

The Synod's thanks are rendered, also, with cordiality, to the railway companies which have accorded its delegates special privileges over their roads, to the hotels for their generous favors, and to the daily press of Troy for the space given to the reports of the Synodical business.

Brief responses were made by members of the Committee of Arrangements.

The roll was called, and the following members were recorded as having withdrawn from the sessions of the Synod without its permission:

*Presbytery of Albany*: Minister—Robert A. Davison; Elder—Darius S. Orton, M. D.

*Binghamton*: Elder—George F. Hand, M. D.

*Buffalo*: Elders—Joseph T. Hoole, Joseph H. Plumb.

*Cayuga*: Minister—Junius J. Cowles; Elder—Randolph R. Weed.

*Champlain*: Minister—Chandler N. Thomas.

*Chemung:* Elder—Garwood J. Mead.

*Genesee:* Elder—William Bradley.

*Genesee Valley:* Minister—Robert R. Watkins.

*Hudson:* Elder—Edward F. Pierson.

*Otsego:* Minister—Pliny F. Sanborne; Elder—Ferdinand Shaw.

*Troy:* Elder—James McFarland.

*Westchester:* Elder—Joseph Barrett.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

The Synod adjourned to meet in the First Church, in the City of Elmira, on the third Tuesday (the 19th day) of October, A. D., 1886, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer, praise and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,  
*Permanent Clerk.*

T. RALSTON SMITH,  
*Stated Clerk.*



## APPENDIX.

### I. PASTORAL LETTER.

*To the Presbyteries and Churches of the Synod of New York :*

“ Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

The year past has furnished abundant cause for profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church. With especial thankfulness do we note the large number, 7,303, of those who have been added to our communion upon profession of their faith in Christ. This is an increase of 1,384 over the preceding twelve months, and the largest number thus received in any one year since 1877.

The Synod would earnestly urge the pressing of the work along this line. The great mission of the Church is to lead souls to Christ. To rely solely upon sovereign grace, to the exclusion of human means, is presumption. We are laborers together with God. He alone gives the increase, but He conditions it upon previous planting and watering. Let there be in the coming year a zeal for souls. Let there be a compliance in faith with the human conditions, and God will most assuredly pour out abundant blessings upon his people.

Presbyteries may do much to aid in this work, by well digested plans for evangelistic effort, like the plan recently adopted by the Presbytery of New York. Our reliance, however, must be chiefly upon the pastors and Sessions of individual churches. Remember, brethren, that this is the Lord's work entrusted to you, for which He will hold you responsible. He stands ready to help you. Go forward, then, in faith. Why should not every Christian be the means, with divine aid, of saving at least one soul during the present year?

The Synod would again speak in solemn warning against the desecration of the Lord's Day. One of the most alarming signs of our times is the growing disregard for the sacred rest day. Let the pulpit utter no uncertain sound upon this profoundly important subject, so vitally connected with the welfare of the people and the promotion of pure religion.

Emphasis ought also to be laid upon the subject of family religion. The unit of God's kingdom is not the individual, but the family. His covenants have always been made with families, with those who trusted in Him, and their seed after them. The promise is to us and to our children. To them, therefore, by right belongs the sacrament of baptism as a sign and seal of their share in the benefits of the covenant of grace. More than this, they should receive the nurture of the heirs of promise. Parents cannot shift upon others the responsibility of their instruction in the things of Christ. They may properly avail themselves of whatever aid comes to them through outside instrumentalities. But God holds them, above all others, accountable for the children whom He has given them. Let every home have its family altar, whereon lies the open Word, and from which daily shall rise the incense of praise and prayer as a sweet savor unto the Lord our God.

Most earnestly do we exhort our Presbyteries and churches to be loyal to the Church in which God in his providence has placed them. If there is reason for the existence

of the Presbyterian Church, there is reason for loyalty to it. That farmer does most for his community who cultivates his own farm rather than that of his neighbor. The merchant or manufacturer who makes a success of his own business does far more for the financial prosperity of the city in which he lives than he who expends his energies in building up the business of others. The best that you can do for the Church universal is to enlarge and strengthen the Presbyterian Church. This is not sectarianism and narrowness. It is rather catholicity of spirit. It is sanctified common-sense.

This subject has many bearings. It has to do with the conduct of the meetings and business of Presbyteries, with the activities of individual churches, with the cordial support of the agencies established by the General Assembly for the prosecution of the Lord's work, with the allowing of our own Boards to suffer the burdens of crushing debt, while munificent sums are given to undenominational enterprises. With all seriousness the Synod would declare its conviction that the time has come when Presbyterians ought to take a deeper and wiser interest in the prosperity of their own Zion.

With still greater emphasis would the Synod exhort its Presbyteries and churches to be loyal to the great Head of the Church. The marching orders of Christ are, "Go, disciple all nations." The force of that command rests upon every follower of Jesus. And yet our great missionary Boards are hampered and crippled by empty treasuries. The Lord has given us too much success. He has opened doors which we are unwilling to enter. The business man expects increased expenses with enlarged prosperity. The Church is not ready for the enlargement which God has brought to it.

Yet how easily might the needed funds be provided! An average of one cent a day per member measures the extent of our gifts for the evangelization of the world. How few there are who have risen to the conception that God has a demand upon their money,—that they are the Lord's stewards! Let this subject receive from our Presbyteries the attention which its importance demands. Let them prayerfully devise such methods as will stimulate their churches and people in the grace of giving, and lead them to realize that as God demands a certain portion of their time as peculiarly his, so He demands for his work a just proportion of the money with which He has entrusted them.

The Synod also enjoins upon Sessions the duty of instructing their people on this subject, and of making the giving of money a part of the solemn worship of the Lord's house. Our prayers and our alms have been joined by the Lord in holy union. And "what God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. For, if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

L. MERRILL MILLER,  
*Moderator.*

T. RALSTON SMITH,  
*Stated Clerk.*



## II. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY consists of fifty-two ministers and forty-nine churches, and has under its care four licentiates and nine candidates.

Licentiate received :

December 30, 1884, John J. Henning, from the Presbytery of Argyle, U. P.

Licensed :

April 22, 1885, Herbert C. Hinds, George N. Makely, Henry M. Tyndall and George K. Fraser ;

June 9, Charles Edward Fay.

Candidate taken under the care of the Presbytery :

April 23, 1885, Walter H. Haygood.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 30, 1884, between Rev. John F. Becker and the Church of Rensselaerville ;

April 21, 1885, between Rev. William E. Faulkner and the Church of Bethlehem ;

April 22, between Rev. William J. Blair and the Church of Esperance, to take effect October 1 ;

September 15, between Rev. David Herron and the Church of Jefferson, to take effect November 30.

Ordination :

January 20, 1885, John J. Henning.

Installation :

January 20, 1885, Rev. John J. Henning, over the Church of Princetown.

Ministers dismissed :

December 30, 1884, Rev. Charles S. Sherman, to the Hartford South Association of Congregational Churches ;

April 21, 1885, Rev. William E. Faulkner, to the Classis of Albany.

Licentiates dismissed :

June 9, 1885, Charles Edward Fay, to the Presbytery of Champlain, and Charles H. Tyndall to the Presbytery of Lake Superior.

Ministers deceased :

Rev. Gains M. Blodgett, at Cooperstown, November 17, 1884, aged 69 years ;

Rev. Joseph Alden, D. D., LL. D., in New York, August 30, 1885, aged 78 years.

Churches organized :

The Jermain Memorial, West Troy, May 11, 1885 ;

The First Church, Voorheesville, June 25.

Church declared extinct :

Amsterdam, First, June 10, 1885.

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-nine churches, and has under its care one licentiate and two candidates.

## Ministers received :

April 21, 1885, Rev. John Rutherford, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia North ;  
 May 5, Rev. G. Flavel Humphrey, from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev.  
 James M. Wilson, M. D., from the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;  
 September 16, Rev. Horace T. Chadsey, from the Presbytery of Genesee.

## Licensed :

April 22, 1885, Rollo Branch.

## Dissolution of pastoral relation :

September 16, 1885, between Rev. William H. Gill and the Church in Owego.

## Ordination :

May 5, 1885, John De Peu.

## Ministers dismissed :

December 15, 1884, Rev. William A. Beecher, to the Presbytery of Niagara ;  
 April 21, 1885, Rev. Charles S. Dewing, to the Presbytery of Huntington ;  
 September 15, Rev. John F. McLaury, to the Presbytery of Genesee.

## Licentiate transferred :

April 22, 1885, Rollo Branch, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

III. THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON consists of forty-one ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care five candidates.

## Ministers received:

April 15, 1885, Rev. Henry C. Robinson, from the Lincoln West Association of Congregational Churches, Maine; and Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, from the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Congregational Union; '

July 30, Rev. Donald B. MacLeod, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati;

October 7, Rev. Joseph W. Sanderson, from the Presbytery of Milwaukee; and Rev. Rockwood Macquesten, from the Presbytery of St. Paul.

## Licentiate received:

November 3, 1884, John Montgomery, from the Presbytery of Westchester.

## Licensed:

October 7, 1885, John R. Crosser.

## Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

May 18, 1885, Daniel G. MacKinnon;

October 7, John R. Crosser, from the Presbytery of Steubenville.

## Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

February 9, 1885, between Rev. Frederick Erhardt and the German Church at Manchester;

July 27, between Rev. Ferdinand O. Zesch and the German Church at Lawrence.

## Ordination:

November 3, 1884, John Montgomery.

## Installations:

November 3, 1884, Rev. John Montgomery, over the Church at Lonsdale, R. I.;

July 30, 1885, Rev. Donald B. MacLeod, over the Church at Quincy.

## Ministers dismissed:

November 3, 1884, Rev. Isaac White, to the Presbytery of Sacramento;

February 9, 1885, Rev. Frederick Erhardt, to the New York Classis of the Reformed Church;

July 27, Rev. Ferdinand O. Zesch, to the Cincinnati Classis of the Reformed Church.

## Death:

Rev. William Guthrie Barnes, at Fredericksburg, Ohio, December 9, 1884, aged 43 years.

## Churches organized:

October 28, 1884, the Second Church of Manchester, N. H., and the Church at Quincy, Mass.;

November 3, the Church at Lonsdale, R. I.;

May 1, 1885, the Church at Portland, Maine;

June 16, the Church at Fall River, Mass.

There has been an increase of seven churches since 1881.

IV. THE PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN consists of fifty ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care one licentiate, and eleven candidates.

## Ministers received :

April 20, 1885, Rev. Louis Eulner, from the Presbytery of Nassau;

October 5, Rev. S. Ingraham Hickey, from the Presbytery of Westminster.

## Licentiate received :

April 20, 1885, Arcturus Z. Conrad, from the Presbytery of Mankato.

## Licensed :

April 20, 1885, Charles H. Jones.

## Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery :

April 20, 1885, Oscar R. Ebel;

October 5, George C. Mueller and Henry Hausman.

## Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 3, 1884, between Rev. Joseph G. Williamson, Jr., and the Ainslie-Street Church;

April 20, 1885, between Rev. James M. Ludlow, D. D., and the Westminster Church;

October 5, between Rev. Amos N. Freeman and the Siloam Church.

## Ordinations :

October 28, 1884, Phillipp Vollmer;

June 2, 1885, Arcturus Z. Conrad.

## Installations :

October 28, 1884, Rev. Phillipp Vollmer, over Frieden's Kirche;

November 3, Rev. David Stevenson, D. D., over the First Church, Brooklyn, E. D.;

June 2, 1885, Rev. Arcturus Z. Conrad, over the Ainslie-Street Church.

## Minister dismissed:

December 3, 1884, Rev. Joseph G. Williamson, Jr., to the Presbytery of Detroit.

Licentiate dismissed :

October 5, 1885, Charles H. Jones to the Classis of Newark.

Demitted the Ministry :

April 20, 1885, Rev. Daniel M. Wooley.

Deaths :

December 8, 1884, Rev. David M. Halliday, M. D., D. D., in his 78th year;

March 28, 1885, Rev. Lyman Gilbert, D. D., in his 87th year.

Church formed :

October 21, 1884, Frieden's Kirche.

Church received :

April 20, 1885, the First German Church, East Williamsburg, from the Presbytery of Nassau.

V. THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO consists of forty-four ministers and thirty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received

January 19, 1885, Rev. John McLachlan, from the Presbytery of Geneva ;

October 6, Rev. William Martin, from the Erie Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Licentiates received :

April 14, 1885, Edwin P. Robinson, from the Presbytery of Carlisle ;

July 6, Isaac P. Smith, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery :

January 19, 1885, William H. Kelly ;

May 4, John Gilmore Smith ;

June 9, Joseph A. Milburn.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 10, 1884, between Rev. J. Joseph Rankin and the Church in Clarence ;

October 6, 1885, between Rev. Charles D. Barrows and the Church in Jamestown.

Ordinations :

April 30, 1885, Edwin P. Robinson ;

July 14, Isaac P. Smith.

Installations :

January 19, 1885, Rev. John McLachlan, as pastor of the Central Church, Buffalo ;

April 30, Rev. Edwin P. Robinson, as pastor of the Church in Clarence ;

July 14, Rev. Isaac P. Smith, as pastor of the Church in Tonawanda.

Licentiate dismissed :

October 5, 1885, Silas E. Persons, to the Presbytery of Boulder.

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA consists of thirty ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

October 28, 1884, Rev. Charles O. Hanmer, from the Presbytery of Chemung;

April 15, 1885, Rev. William Hart, from the Lincoln West Congregational Association of Maine;

May 8, Rev. Rescum Hart Dexter, from the Presbytery of Genesee;

September 15, Rev. Silas McKinney, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Licentiate received:

May 8, 1885, Mr. Frank H. Hinman, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Licensed:

April 16, 1885, Angus H. Cameron, William Hart Dexter, Richard S. Holmes, Richard C. Townsend.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 28, 1884, James R. Breaks, Angus H. Cameron, Melancthon J. Getman, A. Cameron McKenzie, John S. Willdridge;

April 14, 1885, Richard S. Holmes; and Richard C. Townsend, from the Presbytery of Solomon.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 10, 1884, between Rev. George B. Stewart and the Calvary Church, Auburn;

April 14, 1885, between Rev. Alfred E. Myers and the Church of Owasco;

July 13, between Rev. Charles T. Burnley and the Church of Sennett.

Ordained:

May 8, 1885, Frank H. Hinman, Charles H. Phillips.

Installed:

May 8, 1885, Rev. Frank H. Hinman, over the Calvary Church, Auburn.

Ministers dismissed:

December 10, 1884, Rev. George B. Stewart, to the Presbytery of Carlisle, Rev. Robert C. Allison, to the Congregational Association of Rutland, Vermont;

April 14, 1885, Rev. Alfred E. Myers, and Rev. Ova H. Seymour, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

July 13, Rev. Charles T. Burnley, to the Presbytery of St. Paul.

Licentiates dismissed:

February 23, 1885, Charles S. Hoyt, to the Presbytery of Chicago;

April 15, James R. Robinson, to the Presbytery of Chemung;

June 22, Isaac P. Smith, to the Presbytery of Buffalo;

September 15, Richard C. Townsend to the Presbytery of Alton.

Deceased:

Rev. Oliver S. Taylor, M. D., in Auburn, April 19, 1885, in his 101st year.

Candidates transferred:

February 23, 1885, James R. Breaks to the Presbytery of Crawfordville;

May 8, John S. Willdridge, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

The Reformed Church of Cato was organized as a Presbyterian Church, and received into the Presbytery, December 2, 1884.

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN consists of nineteen ministers and seven-teen churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

Licentiate received :

July 29, 1885, Charles Edward Fay, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Licensed:

June 17, 1885, Edward P. Morse.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

February 18, 1885, between Rev. Henry H. Lipes and the Church at Mineville.

Installations :

June 17, 1885, Rev. Daniel Mackay, over the Church at Fort Covington.

July 29, Charles Edward Fay was ordained and installed pastor of the Church at Mineville.

Dismissed :

February 18, 1885, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence ;

April 4, Rev. Thornton A. Mills, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ;

April 14, Rev. Donald MacDougall, to the Presbytery of Boston.

VIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG consists of twenty-two ministers and twenty-three churches and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates.

Minister received :

September 22, 1885, Rev. Alvin Cooper, from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Licentiate received :

April 22, 1885, James R. Robinson, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Licensed :

April 21, 1885, George V. Reichel, John C. Mead and Bryce K. Douglas.

Ordination :

April 22, 1885, James R. Robinson, *sine titulo*.

Ordained and installed :

April 29, 1885, Bryce K. Douglas was ordained, and installed pastor of the Church of Newfield.

Candidate taken under the care of the Presbytery:

April 21, 1885, George A. White.

Ministers dismissed :

November 25, 1884, Rev. Josiah G. Schaeffer, to the Presbytery of Gunnison ;

September 22, 1885, Rev. Timothy B. Jervis, to the Presbytery of Utica, Rev. John McMaster, to the Presbytery of Lyons, and Rev. James B. Umberger to the Presbytery of New Castle.

Deceased :

February 12, 1885, Jacob K. Warner, at Burdett, aged 61 years ;

September 17, Rev. Stephen Vorhis, at Spencer, aged 72 years.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE. [No report.]

X. THE PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA consists of fifteen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care one licentiate.

Dissolution of the pastoral relation :

June 30, 1885, between Rev. George O. Phelps and the Church of Valatie.

Ordained :

July 16, 1885, Frederick G. Coan, as an evangelist.

Minister dismissed :

June 30, 1885, Rev. George O. Phelps, to the Presbytery of Utica.

Church received:

June 16, 1885, the Congregational Church of Austerlitz was received under the care of the Presbytery upon its unanimous request, and with the consent of its Association, and was organized upon a Presbyterian basis.

XI. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE consists of twenty ministers and twenty-three churches.

Ministers received :

April 14, 1885, Rev. Solomon C. McElroy, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

September 29, Rev. John F. McLaury, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

June 28, 1885, between Rev. Horace T. Chadsey and the Church at East Pembroke.

Installations:

June 10, 1885, Rev. Solomon C. McElroy, over the Church at Bethany Centre;

September 29, Rev. John F. McLaury, over the Byron Church.

Ministers dismissed:

April 14, 1885, Rev. Erwin C. Hull to the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev. R. Hart Dexter to the Presbytery of Cayuga;

September 28, Rev. Horace T. Chadsey to the Presbytery of Binghamton, Rev. Andrew B. Morse to the Presbytery of Lyons, and Rev. Edward B. Walsworth, D. D., to the Presbytery of Rochester.

September 29, 1885, the name of Rev. John H. Perkins was dropped from the roll, he having joined the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On the same date initiatory steps were taken to secure the incorporation of the Presbytery, and also to disband the church at Pavilion, and properly dispose of its property.

Rev. William W. Totheroh was chosen Treasurer April 14, 1885, in place of Rev. John Wickes, resigned.

September 29, 1885, the office of Permanent Clerk was established and the Rev. Solomon C. McElroy was elected thereto.

XII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE VALLEY consists of twelve ministers and fifteen churches.

Ministers received :

December 11, 1884, Rev. John Burrows, from the Presbytery of Northumberland, and Rev. Henry M. Higley, from the Western New York Congregational Association.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

December 11, 1884, between Rev. Dwight K. Steele and the Church of Almond;

October 7, 1885, between Rev. French W. Fisher and the Church of Portville.

Installation:

December 11, 1884, Rev. John Burrows, over the Church of Olean.

Minister dismissed:

December 11, 1884, Rev. Dwight K. Steele to the Presbytery of Ozark.

XIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA consists of thirty-one ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care two licentiates and eight candidates.

Ministers received:

April 21, 1885, Rev. Eugene G. Cheeseman, from the Presbytery of Saginaw; Rev. William S. Carter, from the Presbytery of Wellsborough, and Rev. John P. Richardson, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

October 28, 1884, Theodore G. Malcheff;

April 21, 1885, Kosta Ivanoff;

June 2, Henry Bradley Sayre;

September 22, Charles Frederic Porter;

October 5, Frederick W. Palmer.

Dissolutions of pastoral relations:

December 11, 1884, between Rev. John McLachlan and the Church of Waterloo; September 22, 1885, between Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., and the First Church of Geneva; and between Rev. Chester C. Thorne and the Church of Manchester.

Installation:

October 28, 1884, Rev. William A. Rice, over the Church of Canandaigua.

Ministers dismissed:

December 11, 1884, Rev. John McLachlan to the Presbytery of Buffalo;

January 29, 1885, Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, to the Presbytery of Niagara;

September 22, Rev. Henry A. Nelson, D. D., to the Presbytery of Osage; and Rev. E. Woodward Brown, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Licentiates transferred:

October 28, 1884, Charles E. Bronson, to the Presbytery of North River;

April 21, 1885, L. Mason Clarke, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Deceased:

March 13, 1885, Rev. John B. Richardson, in the 81st year of his age;

August 9, Rev. Benjamin M. Goldsmith, D. D., in the 69th year of his age;

October 1, Rev. Samuel H. Gridley, D. D., in the 83d year of his age.

XIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON consists of forty ministers and forty-four churches, and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

September 22, 1885, Rev. George T. Galbraith, from the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Vermont.

Licensed:

April 23, 1885, James A. McWilliams.



Pastoral relations dissolved :

April 21, 1885, between Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald and the Church of Mount Hope ;

May 5, between Rev. John N. Husted and the Church of Liberty ;

September 22, between Rev. John R. Lewis and the First Church of Middletown.

Ordination :

June 16, 1885, James A. McWilliams.

Installations :

October 27, 1884, Rev. Abraham S. Gardiner, over the Church of Milford, Pa. ;

November 19, Rev. John Service, over the Church of Otisville ;

June 16, 1885, Rev. James A. McWilliams, over the Church of Port Jervis ;

July 28, Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, over the Church of Amity.

Dismissions :

April 20, 1885, Rev. James Norris, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;

September 22, Asahel L. Clark, to the Hartford Central Association, and Rev. Lee W. Beattie, to the Presbytery of Troy.

Candidate transferred :

September 22, 1885, James A. Norris, to the Presbytery of North River.

Deceased :

January 18, 1885, Rev. Daniel O. Timlow, in his 67th year.

XV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND consists of nineteen ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

April 22, 1885, Rev. Allen Page Bissell, Ph. D., D. D., from the Presbytery of Cincinnati ;

September 24, Rev. Edward Duncan Kelsey, from the Eastern Congregational Association of Michigan.

Licentiate received :

September 24, 1885, Frederick V. Frisbie, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

June 23, 1885, between Rev. William S. C. Webster and the Church of Port Jefferson ;

September 24, between the Rev. William B. Reeve, M. D., and the Church of Westhampton.

Ordination :

September 29, 1885, Rev. Frederick V. Frisbie.

Installation :

September 29, 1885, Rev. Frederick V. Frisbie, over the Churches of Bellport and South Haven.

Ministers dismissed :

March 16, 1885, Rev. Silas H. Thompson, to the Presbytery of Nebraska City ;

April 23, Rev. William Hedges, to the Congregational Association of Long Island ;

June 23, Rev. William S. C. Webster, to the Presbytery of Nassau.

XVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS consists of sixteen ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

April 14, 1885, Rev. Howard Cornell, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;  
September 29, Rev. John McMaster, from the Presbytery of Chemung.

Licentiate received :

June 23, 1885, L. Mason Clarke, from the Presbytery of Geneva, and Rollo Branch, from the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery :

September 29, 1885, Arthur Vosburg.

Ordained :

June 23, 1885, L. Mason Clarke;  
September 29, Rollo Branch.

Installed :

June 23, 1885, Rev. L. Mason Clarke, over the Church of Wolcott First.

Dismissed :

April 14, 1885, Rev. William G. Hubbard, to the Presbytery of Niagara, Rev. John P. Richardson, to the Presbytery of Geneva, and Rev. F. Gordon Stuart, to the Presbytery of Transylvania.

XVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU consists of twenty-three ministers and twenty-three churches.

Minister received :

July 22, 1885, Rev. William S. C. Webster, from the Presbytery of Long Island.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

January 9, 1885, between Rev. Arthur H. Allen and the Church of Islip;  
April 14, between Rev. Lewis C. Lockwood and the Melville Church;  
July 22, between Rev. John F. Shaw and the Church of Northport;  
October 6, between Rev. Christian W. Winnie and the Church of Bellmore.

Installation :

July 29, 1885, Rev. William S. C. Webster, over the Church of Islip.

Ministers dismissed :

October 31, 1884, Rev. Louis Eulner, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;  
January 9, 1885, Rev. Arthur H. Allen, to the Presbytery of Troy;  
October 6, Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins, to the Fairfield East Consociation of Connecticut, and Rev. John F. Shaw, to the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

Deceased :

Rev. Charles Sturges, M. D., at Huntington, Long Island, May 2, 1885, in the 81st year of his age.

The name of Rev. Christopher R. Brown was placed on the roll upon the return of a letter of dismissal previously granted him.

The German Church of East Williamsburg was transferred to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, by direction of the Synod, October 24, 1885.

XVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK consists of one hundred and twenty-seven ministers, and has under its care forty-one churches, thirteen licentiates, and ten candidates.

Ministers received:

November 10, 1884, Rev. Andrew Shiland, D. D., from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh;  
 December 8, Rev. Spencer L. Hillier, from the Presbytery of Cleveland;  
 May 11, 1885, Rev. Henry G. Birchby, and June 8, Rev. John Irwin, from the Presbytery of St. Paul;  
 October 12, Rev. John C. Bliss, D. D., from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Licensed:

May 11, 1885, James Carter, Frank H. Wright, J. Garland Hamner, Andrew C. Armstrong, Jr., and Vernon M. Olyphant, were licensed as probationers.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

December 8, 1884, Frank H. Wright;  
 February 9, 1885, Guido Bossard;  
 April 13, William M. Langdon and George E. Woodhull.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 8, 1884, between Rev. Reading B. Johns and Shiloh Church;  
 January 12, 1885, between Rev. Alfred H. Moment and the East 77th Street Church;  
 March 9, between Rev. Philemon R. Day and the Seventh Church;  
 April 13, between Rev. Allen F. DeCamp and the Washington Heights Church, and Rev. Samuel D. Burchard, D. D., and the Murray Hill Church.

Ordained and installed:

October 26, 1884, Licentiate David G. Wylie was ordained, and installed pastor of the Canal Street Church.

Ministers dismissed:

January 12, 1885, Rev. Andrew Colville to the Presbytery of Jersey City, and Rev. Alfred H. Moment to the Manhattan Association of Congregational Ministers;  
 March 9, Rev. Charles P. Fagnani to the Presbytery of Westchester, and Rev. James F. Garvin to the Presbytery of Chile, S. A.;  
 May 11, Rev. Reading B. Johns, to the New Jersey Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Licentiates transferred:

May 14, 1885, Frank H. Wright, to the Presbytery of Indian Territory;  
 June 8, S. H. Russell to the Presbytery of Nassau;  
 August 28, James Carter, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Licentiate received:

October 12, 1885, John T. Wilds, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Deceased:

On the 18th of July, at Manchester, Vt., the Rev. Samuel Irenæus Prime, D. D., entered into rest, in the 73d year of his age.

XIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA consists of twenty-five ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 27, 1885, Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, from the Presbytery of Geneva, and Rev. William G. Hubbard, from the Presbytery of Rochester;  
 April 28, Rev. William A. Beecher, from the Presbytery of Binghamton;  
 September 21, Rev. Theodore B. Williams, from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

April 27, 1885, Lowell C. Smith; \*  
 April 28, Jay T. Badgley;  
 September 21, Frank C. Carlton.

Ministers installed:

May 12, 1885, Rev. William A. Beecher, over the Barre Centre Church;  
 June 30, Rev. Edgar P. Salmon, over the Knowlesville Church.

Minister dismissed:

April 28, 1885, Rev. William C. Macbeth, to the Presbytery of Huntington.

XX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS consists of four ministers and four churches.

XXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER consists of forty-four ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Licensed:

October 6, 1885, James A. Norris, received as a candidate from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 6, 1884, between Rev. J. Cowles Andrus and the Church of Lloyd;  
 February 27, 1885, between Rev. Augustus H. Seeley and the Church of Smithfield, and between Rev. James G. Rodger and the Church of Wappinger's Creek.

Ordination:

November 6, 1884, Charles E. Bronson.

Installations:

October 16, 1884, Rev. Frank E. Kavanagh, as pastor of the Church of Wappinger's Falls;

November 6, Rev. Charles E. Bronson, as pastor of the Church at Marlborough.

Minister dismissed:

October 5, 1885, Rev. William B. Darrach, to the Classis of Orange.

Deaths:

Rev. Jonathan Silliman, at Cornwall, N. Y., May 13, 1885, aged 93;  
 Rev. Louis P. Ledoux, D. D., at Cornwall, N. Y., September 30, aged 63.

The church at Fishkill was dissolved October 5, 1885.

The proper name of the church hitherto known as "New Hamburg," is "Wappinger's Creek."

XXII. THE PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH consists of forty-two ministers, thirty-one of whom are native, and has under its care thirty-nine licentiates.

XXIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-six churches.

Ministers received:

April 28, 1885, Rev. John L. Jones, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

May 10, Rev. Theophilus Beazley, from the Presbytery of San José;

September 9, Rev. Nathan B. Knapp, from the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. Henry T. Scholl, from the Presbytery of Wellsboro.

Ministers dismissed:

December 8, 1884, Rev. John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Rochester;

March 9, 1885, Rev. Charles Hudson Smith, to the Presbytery of Syracuse;

April 29, Rev. G. Flavel Humphreys, to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Death:

September 24, 1884, Rev. James H. Parsons, aged 58 years.

XXIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER consists of sixty-five ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care two licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 14, 1885, Rev. James S. Root, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, and Rev. John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Otsego;

September 23, Rev. John M. Wolcott, from the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches.

Licensed:

January 5, 1885, Frank P. Gilman.

Licentiate received:

September 22, 1885, Gerard B. F. Hallock, from the Presbytery of Steubenville.

Candidate received:

May 12, 1885, Albert S. Bacon.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 23, 1885, between Rev. David H. Laverty, and the Church of Wheatland;

June 22, between Rev. Theodore B. Williams and the Church of Charlotte;

September 22, between Rev. Herman C. Riggs, D. D., and St. Peter's Church, Rochester.

Ordinations:

September 29, 1885, Frank P. Gilman, as an evangelist, under appointment of the Foreign Board as a missionary to China;

October 12, Gerard B. F. Hallock.

Installations:

May 12, 1885, Rev. James S. Root, as pastor of the Church of Brighton;

May 14, Rev. Peter Lindsay, as pastor of the North Church, Rochester;

June 30, Rev. John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D., as pastor of the Church at Nunda;

October 12, Rev. Gerard B. F. Hallock, as pastor of the Church of Wheatland.

## Ministers dismissed:

April 14, 1885, Rev. James W. White, to the Milwaukee Convention of Congregational Churches and Ministers;

June 22, Rev. Theodore B. Williams, to the Presbytery of Niagara;

September 8, Rev. Silas McKinney to the Presbytery of Cayuga;

September 22, Rev. William F. Millikan, to the Presbytery of Neosho.

## Licentiate transferred:

October 12, 1885, Frank Gaylord Weeks, to the Presbytery of Winona.

## Deceased:

December 17, 1884, Rev. Joseph R. Page, D. D., at Rochester, aged 67 years; after a ministry of about forty-six years—twenty-seven of which were spent at Perry, five at East Aurora, and ten at Brighton, N. Y.

XXV. THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE consists of thirty ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care two candidates.

## Ministers received:

April 14, 1885, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, from the Presbytery of Champlain, Rev. Rolla G. Bugbee from the Hartford Union Congregational Association of Connecticut, and Rev. Henry Lancashire, from the Litchfield South Congregational Association;

June 18, Rev. George W. S. Wenrick, from the Presbytery of Troy;

September 29, Rev. George W. Mackie, from the Presbytery of Chicago;

September 30, Rev. Elias B. Fisher, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

## Licentiate received:

June 18, 1885, Oliver C. Morse, from the Presbytery of Cleveland.

## Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 30, 1884, between Rev. James S. Root and the Church of Adams;

April 14, 1885, been Rev. Joseph A. Canfield and the Church of Theresa.

## Ordination:

June 18, 1885, Oliver C. Morse, as an evangelist.

## Installation:

June 18, 1885, Rev. George W. S. Wenrick, over the Church in Theresa.

## Ministers dismissed:

Dec. 30, 1884, Rev. James S. Root, to the Presbytery of Rochester;

Sept. 29, 1885, Rev. John E. Beecher, to the Presbytery of Lyons.

## Licentiate dismissed:

April 13, 1885, Charles H. Lester, to the Presbytery of Troy.

## Miscellaneous:

April 15, 1885, Mr. Jermain G. Porter surrendered his license.

XXVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF SIAM consists of six ministers and five churches, and has under its care four licentiates and two candidates.

XXVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN consists of nineteen ministers and nineteen churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received :

April 22, 1885, Rev. Erwin C. Hull, from the Presbytery of Genesee, and Rev. Marcus N. Preston, from the Presbytery of Syracuse.

Licensed :

April 22, 1885, A. Willard Cooper.

Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery :

April 22, 1885, Thomas J. Hedges ;

September 15, Elder Halsey W. Clark.

Ordination :

September 15, 1885, Mr. A. Willard Cooper, under appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions, to labor in Siam.

Installation :

June 30, 1885, Rev. Erwin C. Hull, over the Church of Arkport.

Ministers dismissed :

April 22, 1885, Rev. James H. Board, to the Presbytery of East Florida, and Rev. Daniel J. Robertson, to the Presbytery of Larned ;

September 15, Rev. Charles M. Livingston, to the Presbytery of Cincinnati, Rev. Alvin Cooper, M. D., to the Presbytery of Chemung, and Rev. A. Willard Cooper, to the Presbytery of Siam.

XXVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE consists of twenty-five ministers and thirty-five churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 13, 1885, Rev. Cyrus P. Osborne, from the Hartford South Association of Connecticut, and Rev. Charles Hudson Smith, from the Presbytery of Otsego ;

April 14, Rev. Alfred E. Myers, and Rev. Ova H. Seymour, from the Presbytery of Cayuga ;

October 1, Rev. George B. Spaulding, D. D., from the Derry, New Hampshire, Association of Congregational and Presbyterian Churches.

Licentiate received :

August 12, 1885, Douglas P. Birnie, from the Central Association of New Haven.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

November 24, 1884, between Rev. Marcus N. Preston and the Church of Skaneateles ;

April 28, 1885, between Rev. Norman Seaver, D. D., and the Fourth Church of Syracuse ;

May 26, between Rev. George Hardy and the Church of Manlius.

Ordination :

August 12, 1885, Douglas P. Birnie.

Installations :

May 26, 1885, Rev. Charles Hudson Smith, as pastor of the Church of Fulton ;

May 27, Rev. Cyrus P. Osborne, as pastor of the Church of Fayetteville ;

August 12, Rev. Douglas P. Birnie, as pastor of the Church of Cazenovia;  
 October 1, Rev. George B. Spaulding, D. D., as pastor of the First Church of  
 Syracuse.

Ministers dismissed :

November 24, 1884, Rev. Marcus N. Preston, to the Presbytery of Steuben;  
 April 13, 1885, Rev. Granville R. Pike, to the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. John  
 L. Jones, to the Presbytery of Otsego;  
 April 14, Rev. John J. Munro, to the St. Lawrence and Black River Association  
 of Congregational Churches;  
 April 28, Rev. Norman Seaver, D. D., to the Congregational Association of  
 Minneapolis;  
 May 26, Rev. George Hardy, to the Presbytery of Utica;  
 October 1, Rev. David I. Biggar, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Licentiate dismissed :

November 24, 1884, Robert J. Thompson, to the Presbytery of Winona.

Deceased :

March 28, 1885, at West Monroe, N. Y., Rev. Samuel W. Leonard, aged 85 years.

XXIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF TROY consists of fifty ministers and forty-three  
 churches, and has under its care two licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received :

February 12, 1885, Rev. Arthur Huntington Allen, from the Presbytery of Nassau;  
 October 13, Rev. Lee W. Beattie, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Licentiate received :

April 21, 1885, Charles Henry Lester, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Licenses conferred :

April 21, 1885, upon Thomas Blatchford Boughton and Mark Austin Denman;  
 September 22, upon George William Shields.

Candidates taken under care of the Presbytery :

April 21, 1885, Mark Austin Denman, from the Presbytery of Washington;  
 September 22, George William Shields.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

January 7, 1885, between Rev. Henry W. Teller and the Cambridge Church;  
 April 21, between Rev. George W. S. Wenrick and the Hebron Church;  
 July 2, between Rev. Albert W. Dickens and the Argyle Church;  
 July 27, between Rev. Charles E. Havens and the Green Island Church.

Ordinations :

April 21, 1885, Mark Austin Denman, and John Dimmick Warren;  
 April 27, Charles Henry Lester;  
 September 29, George William Shields.

Installations :

April 27, 1885, Rev. Charles Henry Lester, over the Mechanicville Church;  
 September 29, Rev. George William Shields, over the Whitehall Church;  
 October 13, Rev. Lee W. Beattie, over the Cambridge Church.



## Ministers dismissed :

January 7, 1885, Rev. German H. Chatterton, to the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids;  
 February 12, Rev. Joseph P. Dysart, to the Presbytery of St. Paul, and Rev.  
 Henry W. Teller to the Classis of Passaic;

April 21, Rev. George Edwin McLean, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of St. Paul, and  
 Rev. George W. S. Wenrick, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

July 27, Rev. Orville Reed, to the Hampden East Congregational Association;

September 22, Rev. John P. Cushman, to the Hancock Congregational Association,  
 Rev. Thomas Bickford, to the Suffolk North Congregational Association, and  
 Rev. Mark Austin Denman, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

## Licentiates dismissed :

September 22, 1885, Thomas Blatchford Boughton, to the Presbytery of Southern  
 Dakota.

## Died :

At Troy, N. Y., December 4, 1884, Rev. Jacob A. Prime, in the 78th year of his  
 age;

At Albany, N. Y., April 23, 1885, Rev. Giles Parmele Hawley, in the 37th year  
 of his age.

## Candidate dropped :

April 22, 1885, the name of James C. McIntyre was dropped from the roll of can-  
 didates for the ministry.

XXX. THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA consists of fifty-five ministers and forty-two  
 churches, and has under its care six licentiates and twelve candidates.

## Ministers received :

April 14, 1885, Rev. Granville R. Pike, from the Presbytery of Syracuse; Rev.  
 Martin E. Grant, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; and Rev. Chester W. Hawley,  
 from the Central South Congregational Association;

June 4, Rev. George Hardy, from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

September 15, Rev. George O. Phelps, from the Presbytery of Columbia.

## Licensed :

April 15, 1885, Albert J. Abeel, George W. Luther and Daniel J. Many.

## Candidates taken under the care of the Presbytery:

April 14, 1885, Albert Doctater;

September 15, Joseph L. Spurlark, Sherman G. Parker, David G. Smith and Edgar  
 W. Nash.

## Dissolution of pastoral relation :

January 12, 1885, between Rev. Charles F. Goss and the Bethany Church of Utica.

## Installations :

May 12, 1885, Rev. Granville R. Pike, over the Church of Clayville;

May 14, Rev. Dwight Scovel, over the Church of Kirkland;

June 4, Rev. George Hardy, over the Church of Saquoit.

## Ministers dismissed :

April 14, 1885, Rev. Archibald M. Shaw, to the Presbytery of Northern Texas,  
 and Rev. Charles F. Goss, to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Died :

November 26, 1884, at Clinton, N. Y., Rev. Franklin A. Spencer, born December 24, 1811.

XXXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER consists of fifty-six ministers and thirty-nine churches, and has under its care three licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received :

January 20, 1885, Rev. Charles E. Upson, from the Presbytery of Champlain;  
 March 9, Rev. Charles P. Fagnani, from the Presbytery of New York;  
 April 21, Rev. Robert P. Gibson, from the Presbytery of Boulder;  
 October 7, Rev. Charles P. Mallery, from the Presbytery of New Castle.

Ordinations :

April 21, 1885, Elijah W. Green;  
 July 22, John H. Hobbs.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

July 7, 1885, between Rev. John D. Long and the Church at West Farms;  
 October 7, between Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D., and the Church at Sing Sing.

Installations :

November 6, 1884, Rev. Addison D. Madeira, D. D., over the Church at Mount Kisco;  
 March 18, 1885, Rev. Charles P. Fagnani, over the Westminster Church at Yonkers;  
 May 26, Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, D. D., over the Gilead Church;  
 July 22, Rev. John H. Hobbs, over the Church at Greenwich.

Ministers dismissed :

January 20, 1885, Rev. Charles H. Burr, to the Manhattan Congregational Association;  
 April 21, Rev. Richard B. Mattice, to the Presbytery of East Florida;  
 October 6, Rev. John D. Long, to the Presbytery of Chicago.

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### SUMMARY.

Ministers.....	1040	Licentiates.....	94
Churches.....	785	Candidates.....	104

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### III. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

[For a complete list of the names see page 36.]

*President:* William Allen Butler, Esq., Trinity Building, New York.

*Secretary:* Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Buffalo.

*Treasurer:* Mr. Warner Van Norden, 23 Nassau St., New York.

*Legal Committee:* William Allen Butler, Esq., and Henry Day, Esq.

## IV. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

## I. STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JULY 1, 1885.

## I. ASSETS.

Estimated Value of College Grounds and Buildings.....	\$150,000.00
President's House and Grounds.....	8,000.00
Two Vacant Lots.....	1,500.00
Observatory Buildings, Grounds and Instruments.....	10,000.00
Educational Collections.....	4,000.00
Library.....	4,000.00
Musical Instruments.....	7,000.00
Art Department, Paintings, Studies, &c.....	4,000.00
Furniture.....	10,000.00
Total.....	<u>\$198,500.00</u>

## Amount invested :

Corporate Bonds.....	\$33,500.00
Bonds and Mortgages on Real Estate.....	75,800.00
Total.....	<u>\$109,300.00</u>

## II. LIABILITIES.

Bond and Mortgage to Pratt Estate.....	\$25,000.00
College Bonds held by the Endowment Fund.....	9,500.00
Total.....	<u>\$34,500.00</u>

## Floating Debt :

Treasurer's Notes.....	\$15,000.00
Outstanding—Current Expenses.....	4,907.31
Interest Due Endowment Fund.....	1,200.00
Total.....	<u>\$21,107.31</u>

## III. RESOURCES.

Term Bills outstanding.....	\$2,000.00
Interest due and to fall due to July 1.....	1,499.00
Uncollected Subscriptions.....	14,500.00
Collected Subscriptions in Bank.....	610.00
Balance in Bank.....	532.00
Total.....	<u>\$19,141.00</u>

## IV. REVENUE OF THE COLLEGE.

From Board and Tuition collected .....	\$24,163.68
“ “ “ “ outstanding .....	2,000.00
“ Interest collected .....	4,611.07
“ “ uncollected .....	1,499.00
Balance in Bank.....	532.00
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Total. ....	\$32,805.75

## V. EXPENSES.

Actually paid.....	\$32,576.14
Incurred and not paid.....	4,907.31
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Total .....	\$37,483.45

## VI. EXPENSES EXTRAORDINARY.

For Building Observatory Hall adjoining the Observatory .....	\$2,516.72
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## RECAPITULATION.

Ordinary Expenses for the College Year.....	\$37,483.45
Less Cost of Observatory Hall....	2,516.72
Revenue.....	32,805.75
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Deficiency.....	\$2,160.98
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Floating Debt.....	\$21,107.31
Resources to apply on the same.....	19,141.00
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Balance unprovided for .....	\$1,966.31

NEWTON P. FASSETT,  
*Treasurer.*

## 2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

*Term Expiring in 1886.*

Alexander S. Diven,	Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson,
Daniel R. Pratt,	Jackson Richardson,
Francis Hall,	H. Boardman Smith.

*Term Expiring in 1887.*

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,	Rev. Evert Van Slyke, D. D.,
Rev. George C. Curtis, D. D.,	Rev. William A. Niles, D. D.,
Rev. William Hogarth, D. D.,	Rev. Isaac Jennings, Jr.,
	Daniel W. McWilliams.

*Term Expiring in 1888.*

John T. Rathbun,  
John I. Nicks,  
Newton P. Fassett,

Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.,  
Seymour Dexter,  
Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D.

## 3. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

*Term Expiring in 1886.*—Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Franklin S. Howe, Rev. George D. Meigs.

*Term Expiring in 1887.*—Rev. Hugh W. Torrence, Rev. Charles C. Hemenway, Rev. Stanley D. Jewell.

*Term Expiring in 1888.*—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. John S. Bacon, Rev. Frederick B. Savage, D. D.

## V. STANDING RULES.

## I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the Third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

## II.

The place of the next meeting shall be designated prior to the adjournment yearly.

A Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for devotional services; provided, however, that the morning sessions shall always be begun with devotional services, to be continued ordinarily for half an hour.

## III.

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a Standing Committee, to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting of the Synod.

## IV.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and, if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

“The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery, containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders.”

## V.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least one week before the annual meeting of the Synod, an official report of the delegates and alternate delegates elected by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from such report shall be made up the official roll of the Synod.

At the calling of the roll of the Synod at its first session, the names of all delegates who have been officially reported to represent the Presbyteries shall be called, and those not responding, either personally or by alternates officially reported, shall be marked as absent.

When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals regularly appointed, such delegates shall report in person to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, and their names shall be substituted upon the official roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates shall be sent by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

## VI.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks, and the Chairmen of Committees appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall have the privileges of the floor.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in regular correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers, in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations, and their post-office addresses.

## VII.

In the case of the failure of the Moderator, the annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a minister of the Synod designated by the Committee of Arrangements.

## VIII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

## IX.

Each Presbytery shall present, in writing, early in the sessions of the Synod, a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X., Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

## X.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting :

1. Bills and Overtures; to consist of six ministers and five elders.
2. Judicial Business; to consist of six ministers and five elders.
3. Minutes of the General Assembly; to consist of three ministers and two elders.
4. Finance; to consist of five elders.
5. Sunday-School Work; to consist of six ministers and five elders.
6. Leave of Absence; to consist of three ministers and two elders.
7. To Nominate Committees to attend the examinations in Auburn and Union Theological Seminaries; to consist of four ministers and three elders.

8. To Nominate the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions; to consist of four ministers and three elders.

9. To Nominate the Permanent Committee on Temperance; to consist of four ministers and three elders.

10. To Nominate the Trustees and Examiners of Elmira Female College; to consist of four ministers and three elders.

11. On the Records of the several Presbyteries; each Committee to consist of two ministers and one elder.

Before the adjournment, a Committee on Systematic Beneficence and the Work of the Church, to consist of eight ministers and seven elders, shall be appointed, to report the next year. In addition to its general report, this Committee shall draft a brief Pastoral Letter to be sent down by the Synod to its Presbyteries and Churches.

## XI.

1. At every annual meeting, one of the three classes of Trustees of the Elmira Female College, consisting of six or seven members, as the case may be, shall be elected for a period of three years; and any vacancy which may have occurred in any class shall be filled.

2. The Reformed (Dutch), the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Protestant Episcopal, and the Baptist denominations, shall be represented, each by one member of the Board of Trustees, to be chosen by the Synod, as required by the charter.

3. Three ministers shall likewise be chosen for a period of three years, as members of a Board of nine Examiners, whose duty it shall be to visit the College at such times as they may agree upon, and examine its methods of instruction and discipline, as well as the general condition of the institution, and its adaptedness to the work entrusted to it. The Board shall appoint its own Chairman and Secretary, and shall present a written report annually to the Synod.

## XII.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceeding by the General Rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the General Assembly.

## XIII.

All papers intended for Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him to the Synod, before being referred.

## XIV.

In the case of extended reports, if they are to be recorded, the Stated Clerk shall have authority to condense, at his discretion, those portions which do not contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the Synod.

## XV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

## XVI.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries, the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod, and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk; and his accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

## XVII.

Vacancies occurring, between the annual sessions of the Synod, in any Committees whose members have been appointed to represent the Presbyteries, may be filled, *ad interim*, by the Presbyteries concerned.

## XVIII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister in the Synod, to every elder whose name is on the roll, and to the Session of each vacant church.

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## VI. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

### *Changes, Additions, and New Addresses.*

BINGHAMTON: Rev. Isaac G. Ogden, S. C., Conklin Station.

CAYUGA: Rev. Charles C. Hemenway, S. C., Auburn.

CHEMUNG: Rev. Charles C. Carr, S. C., North Elmira.

COLUMBIA: Rev. George C. Yeisley, S. C., Hudson.

GENESEE: Rev. William W. Totheroh, Treas., Le Roy.

GENESEE VALLEY: Rev. David McLeod, S. C. and Treas., Angelica.

GENEVA: Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, S. C., Romulus.

Rev. Lewis H. Morey, Treas., Seneca Falls.

NORTH LAOS: Rev. Samuel C. Peoples, S. C., Cheung Mai.



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